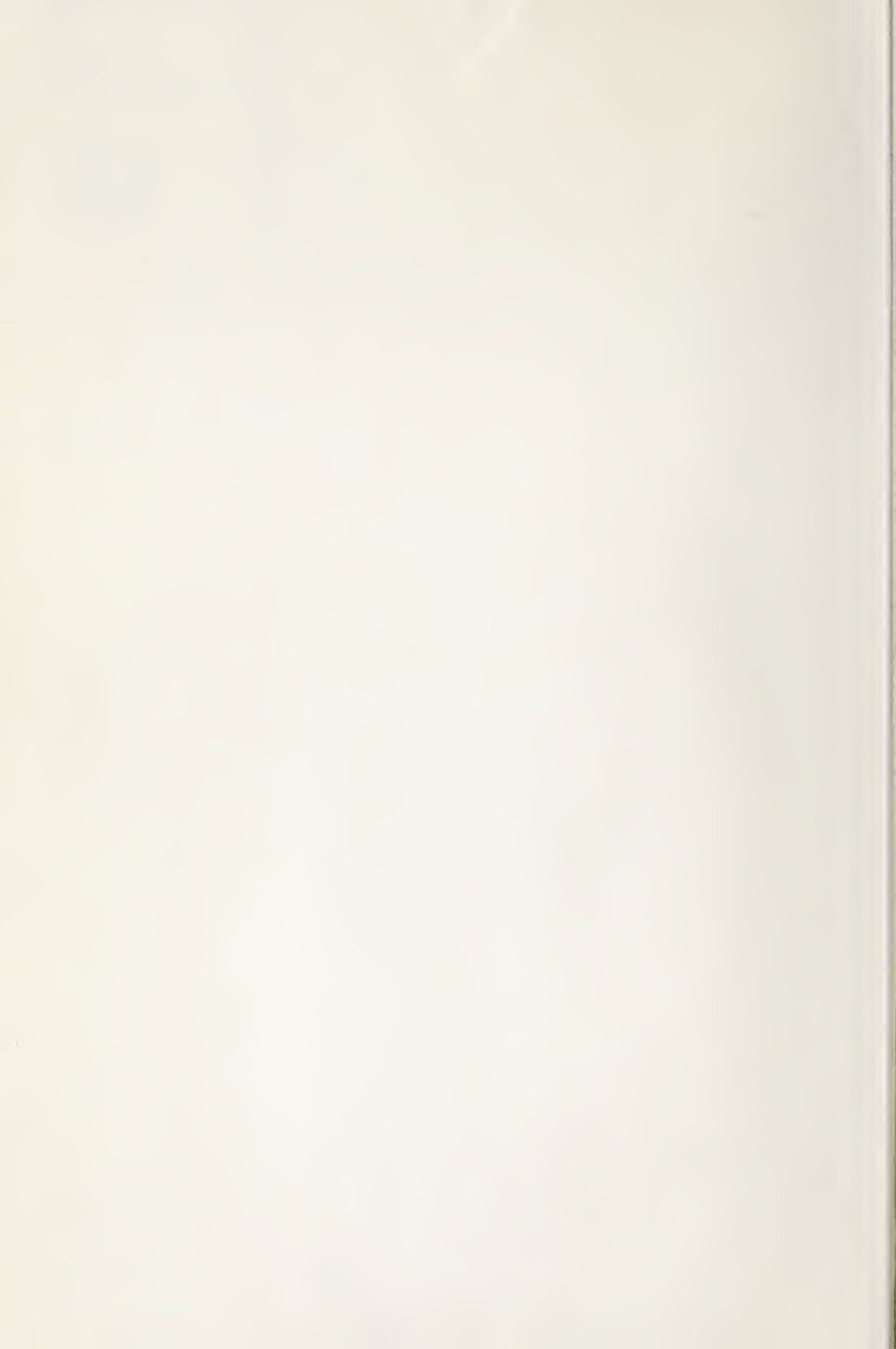



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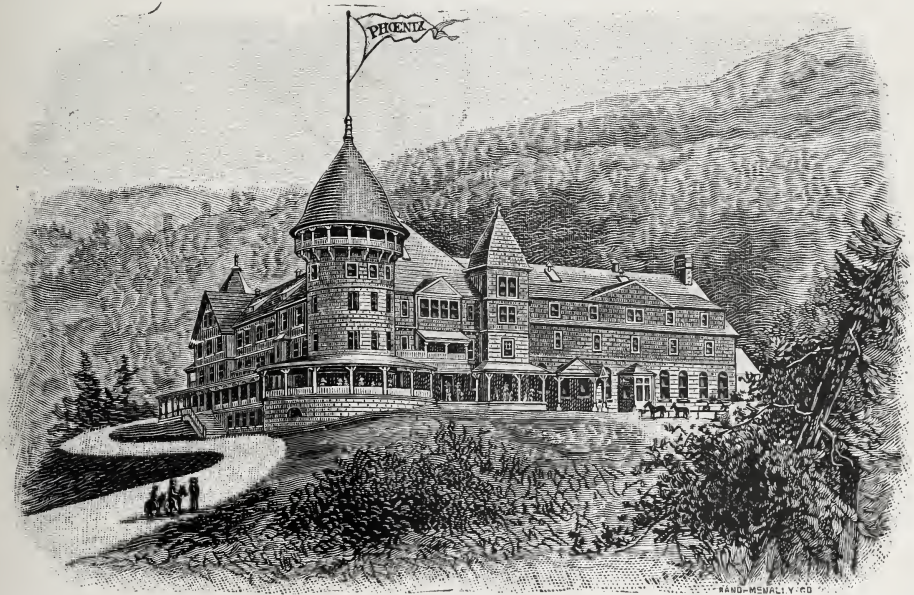
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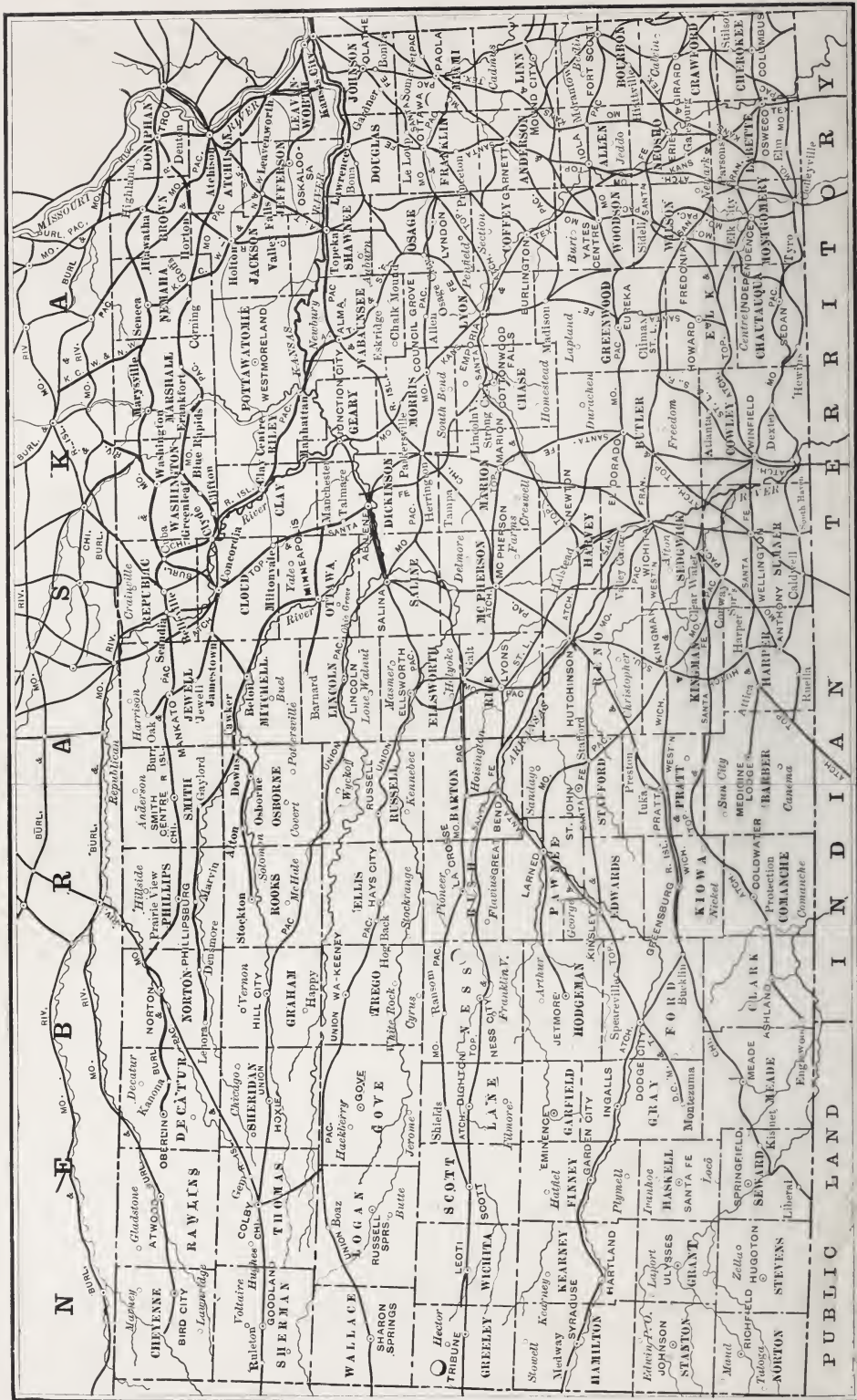
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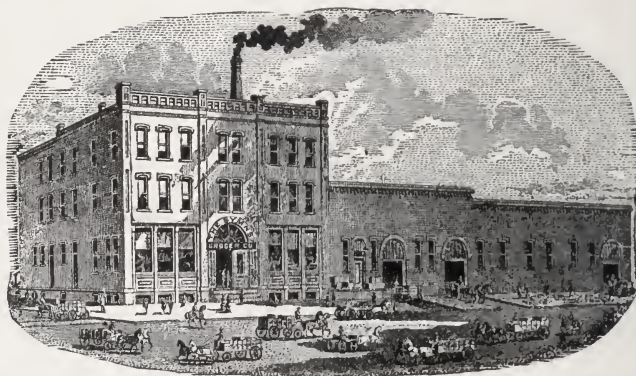
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PREFACE.

The general desire of reading people to be informed with regard to the social, mercantile and manufacturing interests of our country, our vast territorial extent, the distance that separates producer and consumer, the impracticability of universal travel, and especially the fact that there is a growing feeling of inquiry throughout the world to-day concerning the wonderful "Central State" of the Union, Kansas, form sufficient reasons for issuing this publication.

Our regular readers in the East and Europe will recognize in our nineteenth volume of this kind, the same attention to detail that has been characteristic of former books we have supplied them with.

While rejoicing with our supporters in the successful completion of the book, and thanking them one and all, we must say that the Santa Fé, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and Burlington railroads, whose enterprise has done so much to build up Kansas, have been steadfastly with us in our endeavors on behalf of the Sunflower State.

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KANSAS.

*"As the gray and melancholy main is to the sailor;
As the Alps to the mountaineer;
The desert to the Bedouin—
So is Kansas to her children."*

The State of Kansas embraces within its boundaries the geographical center of the United States, near Manhattan, in Riley County, excepting the remote and detached territory of Alaska.

Its early history is not without its romance, for it was on the plains of Kansas that Coronado and his band suffered so many hardships in their search for the country of Quivera and its fabled cities of gold. He crossed the State in a northeasterly direction, reaching the Missouri River near the present site of Atchison. Here the Spaniards, disappointed at not finding treasure, erected a cross bearing the inscription: "Thus far came Francisco De Coronado, general of an expedition"—and returned home to Mexico. They were the first white men to visit Kansas, and their letters describe it then as now, a country rich in fruits, with a heavy black soil similar to the finest regions of Spain.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Kansas was visited and often explored by the French, who mixed freely with the numerous tribes of Indians located along the Arkansas and Kansas Rivers. It became a part of the "Louisiana Purchase" in 1803, and afterwards formed a portion of the Indian Territory. It was organized as a Territory in 1854, and admitted as a State into the Union in January, 1861.

The name Kansas is derived from the name of the dominant tribe of Indians found in the Territory, when first visited by the white men. The word is said to signify, in the language of the Kansas tribe, "Smoky."

Kansas has gone through more trials, in her early life, as a Territory and State, than any other State in the Union. Thirty-six years ago the slave oligarchy ruled the country. Fearing that the birth of new States in the West would rob it of supremacy, the slave power swallowed the Missouri Compromise, which dedicated the Northwest to freedom. The industrious North, aroused and indignant, struck quick and hard, and Kansas, full armed, shouting the war-cry of liberty, and nerved with invincible courage, sprang into the Union. The Territory was the scene of many an exciting conflict between the Abolitionists and the advocates of slavery, John Brown taking an active part against the latter. This enthusiast and martyr, in the cause of freedom, has left his imprint in Kansas, though he was never even a citizen, and when the war finally came on, the State gave voice and potency to the demand for abolition, and aided in burying secession in its grave.

"The war over, she became the patron, as she had been during its continuance the exemplar, of heroism, and a hundred thousand of the Union found homes within the shelter of her embracing arms. The agriculturist and the mechanic were charmed by her ample resources, and inspired by her eager enterprise. Education found in her a generous patron, and to literature, art and science she has been a steadfast friend. Her pure atmosphere invigorated all. A desert disfigured the map of the Continent, and she covered it with fields of golden wheat and tasseling corn. She has extended to women the protection of generous laws and of enlarged opportunities for usefulness. In war she was valiant and indomitable, and in peace she has been intelligent, energetic, progressive and enterprising. The modern Athena, type of the great Greek goddess, is our Kansas."

The State contains 82,000 square miles, rather less than the area of the Island of Great Britain, more than that of New England, more than that of Indiana and New York combined. It is 400 miles long by 200 miles wide. It stretches from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains, forming an undulating prairie, rising from 765 feet above the sea, at Kansas City, to 3,365 feet, at the Colorado line. The soil is generally a fine black loam, varying from fifty feet thick, in the alluvial bottoms, to two feet, on the western boundary.

Kansas is pre-eminently an agricultural State, and is so situated in regard to latitude that it gives the most desirable climate for the production of a large variety of products; not only that, but with seasons so tempered as to almost perfectly mature most staple and marketable products grown.

There is no country more healthful, there being no marshes or swamps, and yet a soil unsurpassed for fertility, and capable of being tilled with a minimum amount of labor, and adapted for the use of almost every labor-saving machine manufactured for the agriculturist.

To show how her soil has responded to cultivation, we quote the following statistics from the Reports of the State Board of Agriculture.

Product of wheat, by four-year periods:

	<i>Bushels.</i>
1862 to 1866 (inclusive).....	1,118,767
1867 " 1871 ".....	10,624,000
1872 " 1876 ".....	44,196,011
1877 " 1881 ".....	112,942,572
1882 " 1886 ".....	139,161,487
1889.....	36,219,851

	<i>Bushels.</i>
1862 to 1866 (inclusive).....	33,262,527
1867 " 1871 ".....	80,524,000
1872 " 1876 ".....	255,437,023
1877 " 1881 ".....	483,709,989
1882 " 1886 ".....	846,880,769
1889.....	273,888,321

In 1889, Kansas had cattle valued at \$26,076,540; milch cows, \$13,023,936; swine, \$10,607,707; sheep, \$734,632.

Poultry and eggs shipped, \$2,359,658; butter, \$3,840,324; wool clip (1888), \$376,788; cheese, \$55,988; animals slaughtered for market or sold for slaughter, \$33,593,105.

In 1888, the value of manufactured products was \$51,061,791.

The assessed value of property in the State is \$360,875,073, which is about 40 per cent of its actual value. This does not include the homesteads not subject to taxation, nor the large amount of property the assessors fail to reach.

There are sixty cities within the State with a population of 2,500 and over.

There is no large city in Kansas with its accompanying extremes of education and ignorance, wealth and poverty, virtue and vice.

Our public school system is our pride, no State in the Union, not even Massachusetts, comparing with us in number of pupils enrolled (400,000), or the ability of our teachers. After that of New York state, the Kansas Chautauqua takes precedence of any in the Union. The State has a permanent school fund of \$5,515,989; the value of school buildings is \$9,794,428; the amount paid out for school purposes in 1889 was \$5,137,460. It has a State Normal School, a State Agricultural College, while at the head of the educational system of the State stands the University of Kansas.

Kansas has driven out the saloon; instead of idleness, crime, pauperism, it has a sober, intelligent, industrious people.

Kansas has coal fields of vast extent, a valuable contributing element to its development.

While agriculture is being credited with being the chief industry of Kansas, figures in the Fourth Annual Report of the Kansas Bureau of Labor show that our manufacturing establishments are increasing rapidly. The report says: "In our first report, from the returns received, we estimated the capital invested in this class of industries (including flouring mills) at \$19,000,000; in our second report at \$22,000,000; in our third report at \$26,000,500; and the returns actually received this year show an aggregate capital of \$34,085,535, or \$7,285,535 greater than the estimate of last year, which was based upon the assumption that the reports received represented about 90 per cent of the whole. Accepting this 90 per cent basis as a guide for this year, it places our private manufacturing capital at, in round numbers, \$37,500,000, against \$19,000,050 in 1885, a gain of nearly 100 per cent."

The northern section of the State, with its unlimited water powers and exhaustless coal fields, is peculiarly adapted to manufacturing.

An industry now being developed in this State is the production of sorghum sugar. Although in the experimental stage, it is developed far enough to demonstrate that sugar can be manufactured from sorghum at a profit; and, further, that Kansas is the best adapted for the production of sorghum cane for the manufacture of sugar of any State in the Union, and will, in a few years, be a great sugar-producing State.

Society in Kansas is much like that to be found elsewhere. There are good, medium and bad people, such as will be found in any other portion of the globe. As a whole the people have less distinctive local characteristics than usually are seen in other States. The people are a mixture of all countries and all States, the New England element predominating. The generation born in the State reminds one much of the men who settled New England. The young Kansan is a reproduction of the stern, silent, unflinching Puritan, who landed at Plymouth Rock two and a half centuries ago, thoroughly Westernized; the most American of the types of men our country has produced.

No State or country has ever made the rapid development that has been accomplished by Kansas in a few short years. In fifteen years she has built within her borders 11,000 miles of railroad, operated by fourteen companies, only six counties in the State being untraversed by railroads.

The population of the State:

In 1860 was.....	105,000
1865.....	137,000
1870.....	360,000
1875.....	509,000
1880.....	875,000
1885.....	1,147,000
1890.....	1,500,000

The climate is unsurpassed. Those who come here with all forms of lung trouble, rapidly become well men and women. No "La Grippe" can live in Kansas. The transplanting of the average American citizen from the sea-board, or the sleepy rural districts of an Eastern State, to the limitless prairies of Kansas, seems to have a peculiarly rejuvenating effect upon him. His eye lightens, his limbs regain the suppleness of youth, and he is prepared for deeds of valor he never would have dreamt of performing on the old soil. It is in the atmosphere. This, in part, explains why Kansas grows so rapidly. Every individual residing within her borders realizes that the prosperity and progress of his State, his county, and his neighborhood, depends on his personal efforts to "push things," and he acts accordingly.

The motto of the State is "*Ad Astra per Aspera*," and by the untiring energy and indomitable will of its people it is marching on, while its railroads, its cities, its colleges, its schools and public buildings, its cultivated farms, its herds of cattle, are monumental evidences that the brilliant prophecies of the past are being rapidly fulfilled, and that a still more glorious future awaits it.

"Along the vast and silent plain,
I ride beneath the solemn evening skies;
In shadowy majesty around me rise,
Hay-heaped monuments that now retain
Some semblance of the shapes besides the drain
Of Egypt's desert where the lotus lies
Withered upon the tombs, and the proud eyes
Of ancient kings are dust. Dear God! how vain
The Pharaoh's labor and the mighty toil
Of slaves that built the pyramids of old;
For here are symbols of a nobler spoil
Won in our battle with the earth. Behold
Man's history! I feel within my breast
The sadness of the East, the glory of the West."

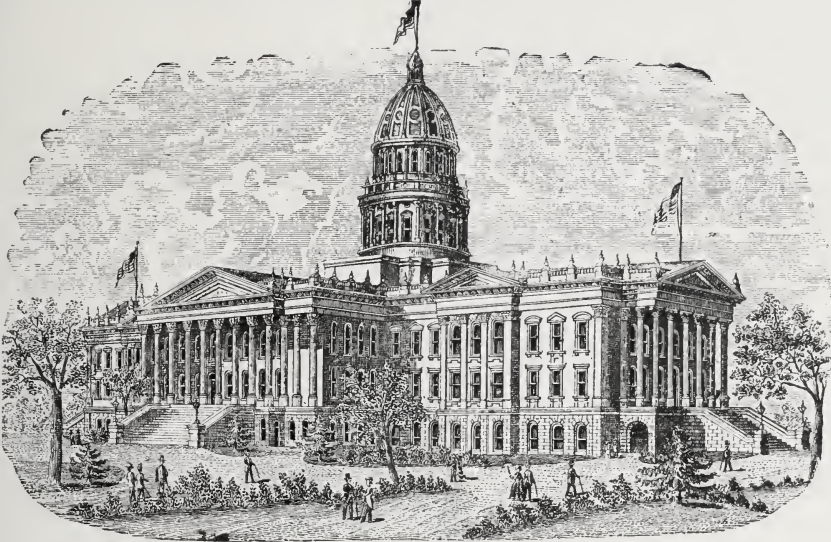
TOPEKA.

TOPEKA, the capital of the State of Kansas, and the county seat of Shawnee County, is pleasantly situated on both sides of the Kansas River.

The ground rises gradually back from the river, thus affording a commanding site to the city, and likewise a natural drainage. The

ance of 12,500 pupils. Many of the buildings are models in architectural beauty and design.

Railroad facilities are an important factor in the upbuilding and developing of the material interests of a city. The four great systems of the West—the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé,



CAPITOL BUILDING AT TOPEKA

streets are an attractive feature. Ten feet on either side having been set aside for parks, the streets are bordered with trees and lawns, thus adding a pleasing effect to the general appearance of the city.

It is also the most important city in the State. The past year has been an important one in the history of its prosperity and growth. The value of buildings erected in 1887, amounted to over \$2,000,000, and the succeeding years have seen the erection of a number of ornamental and substantial business blocks that would do credit to any city.

Topeka has never had in its entire history anything partaking of the nature of the so-called booms. Its growth has been steady, impelled by natural conditions of commercial development. Its citizens have ever depreciated a mushroom growth or fictitious artificiality of values.

Topeka has always shown a particular interest in its educational affairs. The course of study pursued in its public schools, extending over a period of eleven years, is the most complete that experience and talent have been able to devise. A superintendent and one hundred and twenty-five teachers are employed, forming an able and efficient corps of instructors. There are twenty-four public schools, with an attend-

ance of 12,500 pupils. Many of the buildings are models in architectural beauty and design. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad has grown to be one of the most powerful corporations in the country. Over 8,000 miles of road are owned by this system.

The general offices of the company are located here, furnishing employment to a corps of 600 officers and clerks, as are also the round-houses and general machine shops. It is estimated that fully \$2,000,000 have been expended by this road in the construction of its official headquarters and immense workshops. The company affords employment to fully 2,000 hands, and distributes \$250,000 monthly in this city. The headquarters of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railroad (the Rock Island's Western system) are also located here, occupying an elegant and commodious building erected for that purpose. This system is reaching out its feeders in every direction, and has penetrated some of the richest agricultural portions of the State. The annual disbursements of the company from this point are very large. Topeka is the terminal of the Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota Railroad (part of the Missouri Pacific giant system). Through this road Topeka is afforded direct communication with Memphis, New Orleans and Southern points.

Topeka is probably the most important milling point west of St. Louis. There are nine mills, with a capital of \$900,000. These mills are equipped with the latest improved machinery, with a capacity of 2,500 barrels per day. The average daily consumption of wheat is 10,000 bushels, and the mills have ample elevator capacity for storing the enormous quantity of wheat required. The Capital Elevator has a capacity of 225,000 bushels, and is the largest elevator in Kansas.

The city has expended since May, 1887, in public improvements, over \$900,000. The principal streets are being paved with asphalt pavement; eight and one-half miles have already been laid. Kansas Avenue, the main thoroughfare, 130 feet wide, is thus paved for a distance of one and three-fourths miles.

Topeka was established thirty-six years ago, and, in 1870, had a population of 3,000, which has now increased to 35,000.

There is probably not another city of 30,000 people that can make a better showing of splendid and substantial growth in all that goes to make a city desirable as a place to live in, to do business in, to rear and educate a family, or to enjoy life.

The principal streets are from eighty to one hundred and thirty feet in width, and the residence streets are beautifully parked and shaded. Ten miles of streets are paved with asphalt, stone, cedar blocks, and vitrified brick, costing over \$1,100,000.

Topeka has thirty and one-half miles of sewers, that have cost over \$300,000, and furnish a complete drainage system for a large part of the city.

The first public building in magnificence and importance is the State Capitol, now nearing completion at a total cost of over \$2,500,000. It is built of native limestone, the interior finished in the finest marbles; is thoroughly fire-proof, and will have every modern improvement and convenience. The grounds occupy twenty acres in the very heart of the city, and are surrounded by wide streets, paved with asphalt.

The United States Court House, Pension Office and Post Office Building, erected in 1882, at a cost of \$300,000, occupies a prominent corner in the business center of the city.

The State Asylum for the Insane is located west of the city, on spacious grounds, and occupies five immense buildings, recently erected, with all modern improvements.

The State Reform School is located on a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, north of the city, and has four large buildings with accommodations for two hundred boys.

There are over one hundred church organizations in the city, occupying forty-eight church edifices. Many of these are magnificent structures, and the church property is valued at \$632,000. The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal and Episcopal churches reside here, and preparations are made for the construction of an Episcopal Cathedral to cost \$250,000.

COLLEGES.

Washburn College (Congregational) has an attendance of two hundred, with a fair faculty and splendid buildings; has property worth half a million dollars, and is one of the best institu-

tions in the West. A college chapel is now in course of erection and will cost \$30,000. Both sexes are admitted.

Bethany College (Episcopal) is beautifully situated, only two blocks from the State Capitol; has an average attendance of over two hundred young ladies; employs eleven teachers. There are four handsome buildings, two of which are five stories high.

The University of Topeka (Methodist Episcopal), recently chartered, is designed to be the largest institution of learning in the State. Six hundred acres of land, beautifully located on the west side of the city, have been secured, and the erection of buildings will be commenced soon.

There are also extensive and well-conducted parochial schools, commercial colleges, music and private schools.

The Topeka Free Public Library occupies a beautiful building on the State House grounds, erected for its special use at a cost of \$50,000. It contains over 10,000 volumes.

State Library, owned by the State of Kansas, is one of the largest and best in the country, and is open to all during business hours.

Library of the State Historical Society is also kept in the State House. It contains 35,000 volumes, and is particularly rich in historical works.

Bethany College, Washburn College and Lincoln School also have large and well selected libraries.

FINANCIAL CENTER.

Topeka is an important money center. Here are made the extensive disbursements of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad for all its departments, amounting in the course of the year to millions of dollars. Here are also made the disbursements of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railroad (Rock Island). Here are established loan and investment companies of long standing and high repute, whose aggregate capital reaches several millions, and whose business extends out into every county in the State. Large purchases of municipal bonds are made here annually, a single investment banker having made direct purchases for Topeka delivery of over a million dollars the past year.

There are fourteen banks, of which four are national and two are savings banks. The total paid-up capital is not less than \$3,000,000, and are all sound and in good condition.

The amount disbursed by the United States Pension Office located here is over \$7,000,000 yearly to nearly 37,000 pensioners.

The Holly system of water works was built in 1880, and cost \$500,000. It is being increased annually. There are now thirty-two miles of mains and 180 double hydrants for fire protection.

As a point for wholesale and jobbing business, Topeka is becoming more prominent every day. Large stocks of goods in all lines are carried, and with our railroad facilities for reaching all points the business is rapidly growing.

A small force of metropolitan police is employed in maintaining good order, and riots and disorder are almost unknown. This statement can be readily appreciated when it is understood that there is not an open saloon in Topeka, and

drunkenness, and its consequent troubles and misery, are very uncommon.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company's plant is one of the largest in the country, and cost \$160,000; furnishes 6,000 lights throughout the city, and power for thirty-nine electric motors, representing 16½ horse-power.

The Jenney Company supplies 800 incandescent and 50 are lights.

The Brush Electric Company furnishes about 150 lights.

The city plant 184 lights of 2,000 candle-power each, at alternate street crossings. Cost, \$40,000.

Topeka has a telephone system, with 500 city subscribers, and lines to all the surrounding towns and cities.

The State Printing House is here, and there are several other large printing, lithographing and book-binding establishments. About \$500,000 is invested in the business, employing 420 hands, paying in wages about \$261,000 annually.

There are four foundries, paying \$50,000 per annum in wages, with a product worth \$500,000.

Packing houses, employing over fifty men, and doing a business of \$350,000 per annum.

Two sash and door factories, with a business of over \$200,000.

Starch works, paying in wages \$1,000 monthly.

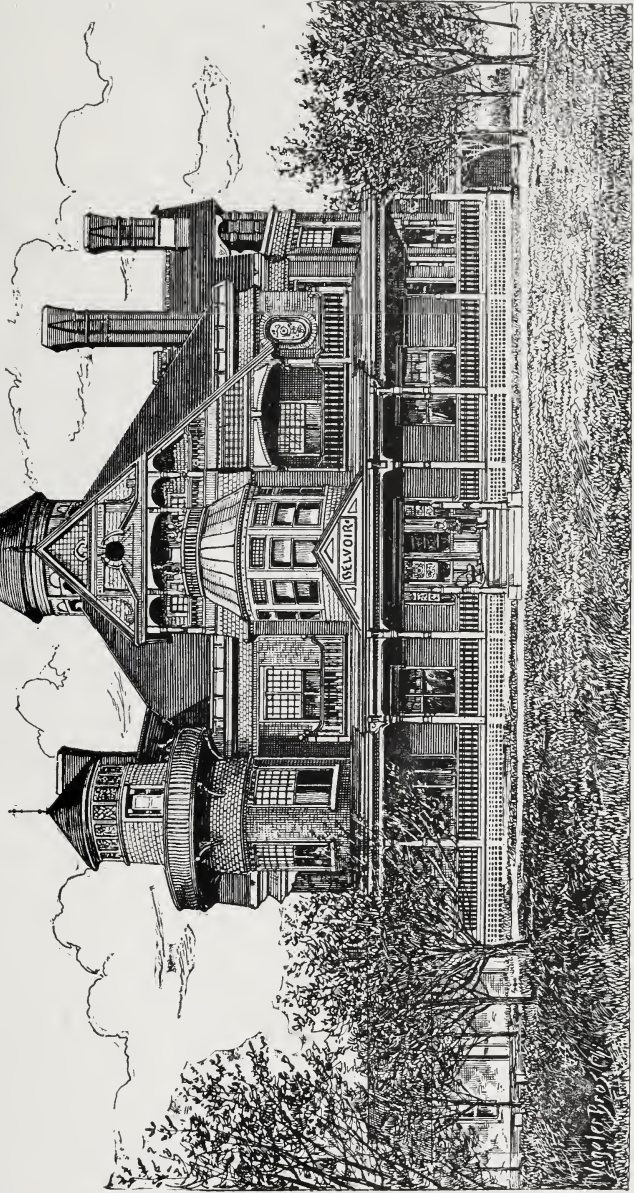
Boiler works, brick yards, feed mills, linseed oil mills, preserving works, cracker factory, furniture factory, cornice works, and establishments producing stoves, vinegar, shirts, overalls, cigars, confectionery, mattresses, harness, clothing, artificial limbs, etc. Total value of last year's product was \$3,630,000.

The actual valuation of all real, personal and railroad property in the city is over \$40,000,000.

Topeka is clean, well drained, and a healthy city. The climate is salubrious, and with the natural location and splendid sewer system, perfect drainage is obtained.

There are twenty-five miles of electric railway, operated by the Thompson-Houston system of overhead wires. Forty-three cars are now used, and the system is the perfection of cheap city and suburban transit.

The Topeka City Railway Company has fifteen miles of road, and fifty cars run by horse-power, but soon to be superseded by electricity.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN D. KNOX.

There are also two suburban motor lines, operating ten miles of track, with ten cars and steam motors.

Topeka is well supplied with good hotels sufficient to accommodate the largest gatherings and conventions.

The Hotel Throop, recently rebuilt and refurnished at a cost of \$25,000, is the finest hotel, with one exception, between Chicago and the Pacific coast. It is built of pressed brick and stone, five stories high. The interior is finished throughout in hard wood and marble.

The Copeland is one of the oldest hotels in the city. It is five stories in height.

National, built at a cost of \$75,000, is a new house of more moderate pretensions. Pressed brick and stone were used in the construction.

The Fifth Avenue, St. James, St. Nicholas, Vermont, Chesterfield, Dutton House, and several smaller hotels added to the above make Topeka one of the best hotel cities in the entire West.

NEWSPAPERS.

Schools, libraries and newspapers go hand in hand, and constitute a potential trinity in the symmetrical development of any community. The large list of splendid papers in Topeka prove two things: first, that the city has an intelligent, reading population, and, second, a prosperous and liberal class of business men. Readers and advertisers make good papers. Topeka has both in abundance; therefore, more good papers than any other city of its size in the country. A dull, lethargic community could not maintain one-half the papers that are profitably published in Topeka. The list embraces thirty-six dailies and weeklies.

Everything considered, Topeka is one of the most desirable places in the West for those who want a pleasant home.

Its location is unexcelled, being built on a plain, just rolling enough to have a natural drainage into the streams and rivers surrounding it, which successfully preserves its sanitary condition and prevents sickness and disease. Its broad thoroughfares, with their excellent paving, skirted on either side with handsome parks and rows of trees, give it the magnificent drives that are so justly the boast and pride of its citizens and the admiration of visitors.

Its people are sober and industrious, possessing a high degree of culture and refinement, and whose hospitality is proverbial.

Its manufacturing industries are numerous and prosperous and rapidly increasing, while the wholesale and retail business is simply immense.

The public improvements in any city constitute a true index to the spirit and character of its citizens. Where an enterprising and progressive spirit is the dominating influence that moves the people, public improvements will keep pace with increasing population, and will harmonize with the latest successful experiments. Apply this standard of measurement to Topeka, and its position among the many progressive cities of the West is one of distinction and pre-eminence. The broad and beautiful streets and avenues, with miles of asphalt, stone, cedar block and vitrified brick pavement, are the wonders and admiration of the strangers that visit the city.

The educational facilities are unsurpassed, public morality is the very highest, and the social advantages are superior. The amusement-loving public can be agreeably entertained at the Crawford or Grand Opera House, or the Capital City Museum, an enterprise recently inaugurated by Mr. F. D. Hewes.

A board of trade, composed of some of the leading and most enterprising business men, is ever watchful of the welfare and commercial prosperity of the city, which is considered the nucleus of trade, and the emporium of industry for the great central State of the Union, with her

classic watchword: "Through difficulties, onward to the stars."

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF TOPEKA.

Hotel Throop, H. P. Throop, Owner and Proprietor.—Nothing, in our opinion, conduces so much to the looks of a city as its hotels and public buildings, in the eyes of the visitor seeking pleasure, or the capitalist in search of investments. One can, as a rule, judge much regarding the thrift and enterprise of a place by



observing the provisions made for the comfort of the casual visitor, or the stranger within the gates. As the capital of the State, the necessity often arises whereby in times of political elections, meetings of societies, etc., that the hotel accommodations are taxed to the utmost to provide for the wants of delegates and visitors; whereas, in ordinary times, much less room is needed for the ordinary demands made upon a hotel by the regular trade. Recognizing this fact, it was reserved for a native Virginian to demonstrate the fact that right here, in Topeka, was the opportunity. Nothing daunted by the adverse criticisms of well-meaning friends, Mr. Throop procured the ground and proceeded to erect what he called a modern hotel, inferior to none, and save in size unequalled in any of the largest cities in the wealthy East. The result of this idea is seen in the magnificent Throop Hotel, which is alike a credit to the architect, and a monument to the energy and push of its owner and proprietor. The hotel is massive and elegant, having admirable proportions, five stories in height, built of brick and stone, facing two streets, Kansas Avenue and Fourth Street, with bow windows to every room that faces these streets, give to their appearance an air of comfort and elegance not found in any other metropolitan hotel. Entering the hotel by the main entrance on Kansas Avenue, the visitor finds himself in the lobby, in which is located the office, cigar stand and telephone. The floor is tiled, and the ceilings frescoed, while heavy mouldings of natural wood line

the sides of the walls. On the right of the entrance we find the writing and reading-room, which is elegantly fitted up. The dining-room, seating 125 guests, is nearly square, of noble proportions, with tiled floor, cherry wood baseboards, and marble slabs running from the baseboards to a height of four feet from the floor, giving the room an air of Oriental magnificence. The kitchen arrangements are superb—large ranges of the John Van manufacture, heaters, chaffing dishes, floor sinks, connecting with sewers, carry off all the waste water and liquids. Adjacent to the kitchens are the pantries, meat and market rooms, filled with groceries, canned goods, bottled goods, such as sauces and pickles, of all kinds, with refrigerators as high as the ceiling, and as wide as the room, afford every convenience known to modern science for the carrying on successfully an enterprise of so great magnitude. In the basement are the boilers that heat the hotel, the engines that lift the elevators—three in number—one for passengers, one for the laundry, and the third for baggage. In this room we find the filter used by the management to give pure water to its guests, which cost \$1,000 to put in; it is Jewell's of Chicago. The closet and toilet rooms are laid entirely in marble, with finest brass trimmings; they cost \$12,000. For commercial travelers twelve large sample-rooms are provided. In this house are 160 rooms, 125 of them being for the use of guests. On each floor are bath-rooms and closets for the guests; while twenty-five of the best rooms have each a bath room and closet, with means for perfect ventilation. On the second floor are the elegant parlors reserved for ladies and guests; eight pianos are furnished for their pleasure and convenience. On every floor are to be found fire escapes, hand grenades and hoses connecting with fire plugs, so all danger from fire is provided for as far as ingenuity can devise. For private parties desiring, a banquet room separate from the dining-room is provided. In the fineness of the furniture, elegance of design, nothing more could be desired, as it was all made according to design and to order at Grand Rapids, Mich. Every room is finished in hard wood, and many rooms are further provided with a folding bed that can be used if desired. A barber shop is in the hotel. To attend to the general running of a place of such size, the services of sixty employes are required. The entire expense of this magnificent hostelry was \$250,000, and was opened for guests in January, 1889. In public buildings, in elegant churches, in private residences, in electric motors, Topeka has much of which to boast, but both Topeka as a city and H. P. Throop, as an individual, have a united interest in being jointly the possessors of what stands head and shoulders over all the rest of the city's attractions—the Hotel Throop.

The John D. Knox Land and Investment Company.—This organization was chartered and began business on the 4th of March, 1889. The authorized capital is \$250,000, divided into 2,500 shares, of \$100 each. The officers and shareholders are as follows: John D. Knox, president; Hon. J. B. McAfee, vice president; Samuel W. Winn, secretary; M. P. Knox, treasurer; Joseph Horner, D. D., of Pitts-

burg, Pa.; Richard Wheatley, D. D., of Cornwall, N. Y., and Richard Wake, resident agent "University of Topeka." The general powers and privileges of the charter are: (1) to loan funds for itself or others; (2) the purchase of real estate, the erection of buildings or other improvements thereon; (3) the sale of real estate for itself or for others; (4) the purchase or negotiation of investment securities for commission—such as mortgage loans and municipal bonds; (5) the guaranteeing of securities on commission; (6) to receive money on deposit at stated rates of interest; (7) to issue the company's debentures. This company has been organized by Mr. John D. Knox, to handle the large business which has grown up incidental to the mortgage loan business of John D. Knox & Co., Investment Bankers, such as the purchase of real estate where special bargains are offered for large profits, and dealing in all kinds of desirable securities, which offer safety to investors and handsome profits to the company. The organization also meets the demands of a large number of investors who desire larger returns upon their money than they can reasonably expect on any mortgages that are safe—many such have turned their mortgages into stock of the company. Mr. Knox is the largest shareholder, and is president of the company. The others associated with him have been selected for their fitness and ability. John D. Knox was some time president of the Capitol Bank, of Topeka, and in December, 1873, sold his interest therein, and opened the

BANKING HOUSE OF JOHN D. KNOX & CO.

January 2, 1874. A general banking business is transacted, exchange bought and sold, collections given special attention and remittance promptly made; interest is paid on all time deposits at rates varying with the time. The correspondents are Merchants' National Bank, Kansas City; First National Bank, New York, and Altas National Bank of Boston. Mr. Knox is one of the earliest bankers of the State, and one of the first to draw any capital from the East for investment in the West. For about twenty years his name has been associated with the heaviest financial institutions and most useful enterprises of Topeka and the surrounding country. Anything that promises to enhance the welfare of Topeka meets his approval and secures his aid. His sons have grown up in Topeka, and have engaged in business life with the first of the city, demonstrating the inherited business talent of the father. Topeka bears evidences of the expenditure of his capital in more ways than one. He takes an active interest in the cause of higher education, and is one of the most prominent promoters of religion.

Prescott & Allen, Contractors and Dealers in Plumbers', Gas and Steam Fitters' Supplies, 113 East Seventh Street.—Prescott & Allen have been in business for several years here, and have secured a reputation for reliable work that will prove an income as long as they continue in the business. They make a specialty of large jobs on contract. Their establishment is 50x125 feet, and they carry a full and complete stock of plumbers', gas and steam fitters' supplies; also electric chandeliers and glassware, which they

are prepared to put in at the very lowest figures consistent with safety. They employ from fourteen to twenty-four men, and are recognized as the largest contractors and dealers in their line in this section.

Omar Newman, Loans, 628 Kansas Avenue.—The West has been developed principally by loans based upon mortgages. Capital borrowed from the East by the pioneers of the West has advanced Kansas more in twenty years than the Middle States advanced in fifty years; whatever may be the objections to mortgages, the fact remains that judicious borrowing on mortgage has given the industrious opportunity to get homes, or to develop the resources of the country. Mr. Newman is engaged in the mortgage loan business, handling both corporate and private capital. He also represents the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and is doing a large amount of life insurance. He has an extended acquaintance, and is regarded as a man worthy of entire confidence.

The Home Life Insurance Company of New York, W. M. Abernathy, General Agent; Room 12, Office Block.—Statistics were never more happily applied than in



rendering insurance so certain and exact as to be placed on a scientific basis. One of the leading companies in the United States taking life risks, is that to which this article is devoted. It first began business in Kansas in 1886, and now ranks as the sixth company in the State in the amount of business done and premium receipts. This result has been effected notwithstanding the fact that all of the companies having a better showing have been operating in the State for from seven to thirteen years longer than the "Home." The last report of Commissioner Wilder shows this company to have four hundred and ninety-four policies in force in this State, aggregating \$1,647,490; death losses paid in Kansas in 1889, \$8,500; premium receipts, \$57,650. Considering the time of operation, this is a most remarkable showing, and proves that the "Home" is growing rapidly into public favor. The assets of this company, on January 1st, 1890, amounted to \$6,708,448.96 and the liabilities on the same date were \$5,304,071.45, leaving a net surplus of \$1,404,377.51; hence, it gives the insured more security than any other company in the world, and at the same time issues a world-wide policy with no restrictions as to residence or travel. Insurers will readily see that the greater the percentage of surplus, the greater the dividend paying ability of any

institution. All claims are paid promptly upon receipt of proofs of death. Mr. Abernathy, the general agent of the company, was for five years connected with the Bank of Topeka, from which he resigned December 3d, 1886, and entered the service of the "Home Life," having the most unbounded confidence in the business methods of the company, and its superiority to others. Officers: George C. Ripley, president; Chas. A. Townsend, vice president; I. H. Frothingham, treasurer; George H. Ripley, secretary; Wm. G. Low, counsel; Edgar H. Kellogg, superintendent of agencies.

J. G. Haskell, Architect and Superintendent; Rooms 28 and 29, Office Block.—John G. Haskell is a native of Vermont, and belongs to one of the earliest of the New England families; his first American ancestors coming to America from England with Governor Endicott, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He early indicated special aptitude for architecture and creative art. At Wesleyan Seminary he fitted himself for a college course, which he afterward pursued and completed in Brown University, at Providence, R. I. He then studied in an architect's office, and advanced so rapidly, that in nine months he became a partner. In 1857 he came to Kansas, and served during the Rebellion as quartermaster; first, as lieutenant and regimental quartermaster, and later as captain. For meritorious service while in charge of the depot of supplies at Little Rock, Ark., the President of the United States promoted him to the rank of major and quartermaster. In 1866 he was commissioned colonel and quartermaster of Kansas by Governor Crawford, remaining three years and fitting out troops for the Indian campaigns of the frontier; since that time his occupation has been that of an architect, in which profession he ranks with the first of the Union. He has built or planned the following buildings: State Capitol, State University, Washburn College, Bethany College, Topeka Insane Asylum, Osawatimie Insane Asylum, State Reform School, Olathe Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and many of the best opera houses, banks, court houses, school buildings, business blocks, residences, etc., of the State. He was superintendent of construction of the United States Custom House and Post Office at Topeka, and of late has designed the State Reform School at Topeka, Snow Hall at the State University, State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Emporia College, and others. He also does business over Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado. He has had thirty-three years of practice, and is the oldest architect in the State. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and the Kansas Association of Architects. He has beautified the State with fine buildings.

Geo. W. Clark & Co., Real Estate, Loan and Rental Agents, 117 East Fifth Street.—Mr. Clark has been in business here for the past eight years, and is one of the best known and popular real estate men in Topeka. It is a well-known fact that the judgment of Mr. Clark on the values of real estate and the advantages of location, are unsurpassed by any. It is equally well known that his word can be implicitly relied on. Any business placed in his hands is absolutely

safe from mismanagement, and the interests of his patrons are protected as scrupulously as his own. This company takes charge of property for non-residents, collects rents, pays taxes, loans money on improved property or good chattels; draws and acknowledges legal papers; buys, sells and exchanges city and country property, and gives special attention to renting and collecting. Mr. Clark is a member of the subordinate, Encampment, Canton, and Rebekah degree lodges, I. O. O. F., and a member of the K. of P. He is Captain of Shawnee Encampment Team and of Rebekah Degree Staff. There is no man in Topeka who carries the principles of fellowship into his daily relation to a greater degree than Geo. W. Clark. Mr. T. G. Shilling-law, who represents the "Co." of this enterprising firm, came to Topeka from Iowa, fourteen years ago, and was connected with the State printing establishment, under Geo. W. Martin and T. D. Thacher, for the eight succeeding years. Since 1884 he has been in the real estate business, over one year with Mr. Clark here, and in 1885, removed to Morton County, Kansas, remaining in the real estate business at Taloga until January 1st, 1890, when the present firm was reorganized. During his stay in Morton County he did more toward the settlement and development of the southwestern section of the State than any other man. He spared no expense or pains in advertising the country all over the East, and securing a tide of immigration westward. No man has a greater acquaintance with the western part of the State, where he has property to handle as agent. Altogether, there is not a stronger combination in the city than the firm of Clark & Co.

C. B. Hamilton & Co., Blank Book Makers, Lithographers and Job Printers, 826 Kansas Avenue.—Nearly everyone has heard of the firm of C. B. Hamilton & Co., who have supplied the various counties of Kansas with records and working materials for the past fifteen years. The business is conducted by a stock company incorporated, with a paid-up capital of \$25,000. Mr. Hamilton is one of the heaviest stockholders and the manager of the business. The establishment is operated by twenty employes, and turns out county records of all kinds, blanks, stationery supplies, bonds, certificates of stock, checks, notes, drafts, business cards, bill and letter heads, labels, show cards, etc. The specialty, however, is county records and county supplies; as lithographers and job printers there are no superiors to this firm who do as much business as any similar firm in the West.

Scott & Brier, Bankers and Brokers.—The firm of Scott & Brier is one of the best known of the investment bankers of the city. Since the organization of the firm, twenty years ago, as Gavitt & Scott, they have done a very large business all over the eastern half of Kansas. Mr. Brier succeeded Mr. Gavitt about six years ago, and the financiering judgment displayed by the firm in negotiating loans and investing in securities is considered as nothing less than remarkable. The firm has loaned since its organization \$6,000,000, with the very minimum of loss. Mr. Scott is a native of New Hampshire, and has been in Kansas twenty-two

years. Mr. Brier hails from Ohio, and reckons an equal period of residence in Kansas. The firm makes a specialty of first mortgage real estate loans, and deals in gilt-edged municipal and school bonds. Correspondence invited.

P. H. Coney & Co., Attorneys and U. S. Claim and Pension Agents.—The liberal policy pursued by the Government in regard to pensions is most commendable. There is no nation that has manifested more gratitude for the services of her defenders and more interest in the welfare of the deserving soldier who needs the aid of the country he contributed his health and services to defend. Mere technicality no longer defeats the claims of the meritorious, and anyone can get a pension if he deserves it. Many old soldiers imagine that the possibility of a pension is lost with the loss of a discharge or the difficulty of finding witnesses. This is all a mistake. Merit and good faith cut a most prominent figure in the success of the applicant, and the skillful pension attorney who devotes his attention to the business, can accomplish much toward the good work of pensioning the aged and infirm defenders of the flag as well as their dependent widows and orphans. The firm of P. H. Coney & Co. has achieved remarkable success in the good work, owing to a thorough acquaintance with the business and the department practice as well as to the devotion to the interests of the applicant that characterizes the efforts of the firm. It will be to the interest of everyone who intends to apply for a pension to call on or write to the above firm and procure their valuable assistance. Their reliability is unquestioned, and applicants are assured of courteous and honorable treatment. Mr. Coney makes frequent trips to Washington in the interests of his clientele, and no one can be found who will and does accomplish more.

Globe Mortgage and Investment Company.—The Globe Mortgage and Investment Company was chartered May 1, '87. Careful in its operations, it has gradually assumed prominence as a sound financial institution, careful of the interests of both borrower and lender, giving attention first to security, and second, to amount of loan and rate of interest. Inspection of property invariably made by a member of the company. The authorized capital is \$250,000, and is owned principally by local capitalists. It has already loaned on first mortgage, gilt-edged security, about \$150,000. Several local agencies have been established in Kansas, where the company does business. The president of the company is Robert Ashby; M. L. Millsbaugh, secretary.

Topeka Mill and Elevator Company.—This company is organized with a cash capital of \$125,000, the stock being all held by residents of this city. It has been in operation for the past seven years, and does a business extending over Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, Missouri, New Mexico, and several other States and Territories. The mill, elevator and engine house cover 150x150 feet; elevator capacity, 85,000 bushels; mill capacity, 400 barrels daily. The mill is a substantial brick structure, five stories high, and is provided with all the

improved machinery of the patent roller process. The most popular brands of this company are "Leiter Patent," "Hackney Patent," "Noel's Patent," and "Noel's No. 1." Twenty employes are required. They do a gross annual business of over half a million dollars. Mr. L. G. Leiter is known all over the United States as a member of the firm of Field, Leiter & Co., dry goods merchants. He is now building the largest establishment in Chicago. Mr. George Hackney was formerly the superintendent of machinery for the whole Santa Fé system. The president, Mr. P. G. Noel, is the president of the First National Bank of Topeka. The secretary, Mr. J. S. Martin, is from St. Louis, where he was engaged in the commission business, and for a time with the St. Louis Cotton Compress Company, the largest in the world.

National Mortgage and Debenture Company, 50 State Street, Boston; Western Department, The Kansas Mortgage Company, 109 Sixth Avenue, East.—One of the heavy financial organizations that has contributed to the development of Topeka, and a large section of the State east of Dodge City, is the Kansas Mortgage Company, a branch of the National Mortgage and Debenture Company, of Boston, Mass., existing under a perpetual charter granted by that State. The Western department was first organized as a separate institution, with a separate capital, but was afterwards merged into the Eastern company, and now represents the whole capital of the consolidated companies, \$500,000 authorized and \$300,000 paid in. The company was established in 1869, as C. N. Beal & Co., at Boston, where the president, treasurer and general manager now reside. It is represented at this place by the vice president, J. A. Beal, and L. Van Hook, secretary. The members of the company are all pronounced examples of success in business. Mr. J. A. Beal is a native of Indiana, and has been a resident of Kansas for twenty years; he has lived in Topeka six years, and is an honorable and desirable citizen; he employs from six to twelve assistants in the different departments of the business, and has his offices furnished with every convenience. Morton & Clark are attorneys for this branch of the company. A specialty is made of choice first mortgage, real estate loans, and collateral trust debenture bonds.

Frd. Renker, Merchant Tailor, 524 Kansas Avenue.—There is not a more useful member of our modern civilization than a good tailor. No one will pretend to dress well unless he patronizes a good tailor, such as Mr. Renker, who is one of the best in the State. The work he turns out is superior, both in quality and price. He carries a full stock of domestic and imported goods, and requires the services of eight skilled employes. Mr. Renker is a native of Germany, and came to this country in 1872. He has been in business here for six years, and has established a good business upon the merits of his work. He holds membership with the Workmen, Woodmen and the Knights of Aurora.

S. Wieneke, Wholesale Cigars, 400 Kansas Avenue.—The subject of this sketch is a native

of Germany, and has been in this country for many years engaged in the cigar business; at the present time he has a stock of imported and domestic cigars that cannot be excelled in quality or completeness. He has been established at this place for about five years, and does a large wholesale business at outside points, doing his own soliciting and keeping an assistant at his place of business. In addition to cigars he carries a full line of desirable tobaccos and articles for smokers' use. His establishment bears the air of prosperity throughout and indicates a brisk business.

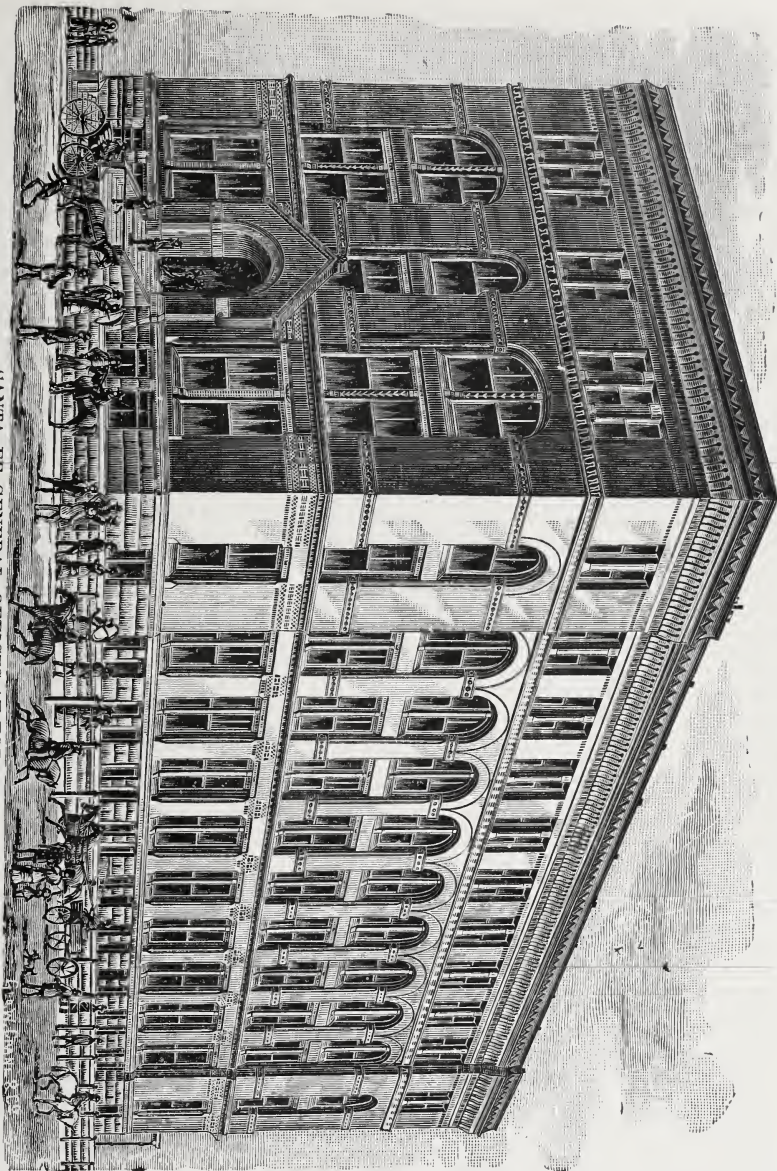
Topeka Roofing Company, J. Bradley, Manager, 109 East Fifth Street.—This company is doing a large business over an extensive territory. They handle metal, slate and composition roofing, and are the sole agent for a fire-proof roofing composed of mica, plumbago and soapstone. They are the roofers for the A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co., and do a great deal of work for the R. I. and U. P. R. R. The company has been operating in Topeka for the past seven years. They make a specialty of railroad work and fire-proof roofing, and employ from ten to forty men. The manager, Mr. J. Bradley, has had an experience of thirty years in the business, and is the most expert roofer in this section. Topeka is fortunate in the location of such useful enterprises, employing home skilled labor, and proving public benefactors.

Winn & Webb, Jewelers and Ticket Brokers, 512 Kansas Avenue.—This firm handles reduced rate tickets on all railroads to all points, by buying, selling and exchanging. They are members of the Guarantee Ticket Brokers' Association of America. Repairing fine watches is a specialty of this firm; they carry a general stock of jewelry, together with white enameled letter signs, for which they are the Topeka agents. Mr. Winn has had considerable experience as a jeweler, and traveled for a jewelry house previous to embarking in the present business. Any work entrusted to them will receive prompt attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.

Elliott & McClintock, Importers of Queensware and French China.—No firm in the State is better known in its line of trade than that of Elliott & McClintock, importers of queensware and French china, and dealers in table cutlery, plated ware, fancy glass, baskets, lamps, gas fixtures, mirrors, etc. Their premises, at 707 Kansas Avenue, consist of first floor and basement, 25x140. They do a large jobbing trade. Early in the present year they introduced the cash system into their retail department, enabling them to place goods at fifteen per cent lower, and the increase of their sales since shows that this fact is appreciated. Before Messrs. Elliott & McClintock became direct importers, all desiring foreign goods in this section ordered them from the East. This firm was established in 1879 and employs a force of four salesmen. Mr. Elliott was born in Pennsylvania, and during the war served in the 3d Colorado Cav. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. McClintock is a native of Ohio.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, was born in Kansas, it was reared and has grown up with Kansas, and as it has extended its line in the natural course of things far beyond her borders, it still points to her as the greatest State through which it runs. To railroads does our State owe its prosperity, yea, its existence; and while Kansas was the *mother* of the great Santa Fé system, it has come to be not only *wife*, intimately linked with the fortune or misfortunes of the road, but *daughter*, dependent upon its proudest production, the Santa Fé, for its well-being and advancement. The road commenced at Topeka, the first line opened being between here and Atchison, and has extended west, south, east, and north, and now with some 7,500 miles of iron bands, binds the Great Lakes with the Gulf and the Pacific. Topeka still remains its headquarters, and its handsome six-story office building forms a fitting companion to the State Capitol, which rears its head along side. Topeka is known as the capital of Kansas, but throughout the world it is more generally recognized as the center and headquarters of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad. This office building, in its completeness of arrangement, elegance of finish and furnishing, as well as in its busy aspect, has few compeers. It has sixty-four separate offices, about one hundred rooms, and employs five hundred and fifty persons. From this building emanate the orders which control the destiny of the road, and here works from morn' till eve' the brain which keeps the great system in running order.

As already said, unlike the other railroads of



the West, the A. T. & S. Fé did not begin at Chicago or St. Louis and come West; it began in Kansas and first extended West and South, and then East to Kansas City. From here during '87 and '88 was built to Chicago what is known as the Chicago, Santa Fé & California, the opening of which line marked a brilliant era in the Western world. It enabled the Santa Fé to run a through train from the Pacific to the Lakes, and a through train moreover on a paying basis. The bee line from Kansas City to Chicago (the shortest by forty miles between the two cities) cost loads of money, and after two years of failure in Kansas crops, nearly sent the road into bankruptcy. It was a severe test of the Santa Fé's credit, and it showed the confidence the

financial world had in her vast resources when the new series of bonds were so easily floated. Since then, by judicious economy and better crops, its net earnings have steadily increased, and every month shows a steady rise in the market value of its common stock. In 1887 the purchase of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fé, and the extension of the Kansas lines through the Indian Territory to Texas, gave the company a line to the Gulf of Mexico. So that at the present time the Santa Fé system proper begins at Chicago, passes through Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Indian Territory, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, and has for its Southern terminals Galveston and El Paso; Western, San Diego and Los Angeles; for its Northern, Chicago, St. Joseph, Denver, and Superior, Nebraska.

The Santa Fé system in Kansas covers nearly the whole State. Beginning at the Missouri River towns, Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City, it extends south to Coffeyville, Arkansas City, and into the Pan Handle of Texas; north to Minneapolis, Clay Center, Miltonvale, Concordia, crossing the Nebraska line to Superior, a growing railroad town. The Kansas system may be described as a main east and west line, over four hundred miles in length, with branches extending in every direction where an area of particularly rich country or some other special advantage invited a line of rails.

From Kansas City or Argentine to Lawrence the line runs between the south bank of the Kansas River and the hills which separate the uplands from the river bottoms. The train passes a number of small villages nestled under the hills, two of which, Wilder and Holliday, are points for the departure of branch lines—one northward to Atchison, the other southward through Ottawa and Southern Kansas. The latter was built as the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston and was afterwards organized as the Southern Kansas Railroad; it is now known as the Southern Kansas Division of the Santa Fé. On approaching Lawrence we see the University of Kansas standing high on Mt. Oread, overlooking the city. From Lawrence to Topeka the road still runs through a veritable garden. The approach to Topeka is through the long yards and by the vast machine shops of the Santa Fé Company, across various broad streets to a commodious brick station.

From Topeka the road runs north to Atchison and St. Joseph, through the most thickly settled and best farming counties of the State. Southwest it runs to Emporia, turning north, striking the valley of the Solomon River at Minneapolis, and the Republican River at Concordia. The Santa Fé leads a charmed life wherever it runs; it is the pride of Kansas; it gives the towns and cities of our State connection with the ends of the earth; it gives a new vigor to the country over which it extends its lines, and to anyone wanting a lesson in how to run a railroad and make it popular with the people, we say come to Topeka and make the acquaintance of its officers; they are men among men; men whose records are honorable, whose intellects are broad and comprehensive, and whose contact with humanity makes the world happier, richer and wiser.

For further particulars of this great system send for some of their beautiful pamphlets to

Geo. T. Nicholson, the popular passenger agent, Topeka, Kansas.

Durein & Kreipe, Bakers, Grocers, Etc., 502 Kansas Avenue.—A good baker is one of the most desirable members of society. The above firm has been in business at this place since 1872. They furnish a great deal of bread for the city custom and carry in addition a stock of groceries and provisions, foreign and domestic fruits, etc. They manufacture a good article of bread of honest weight, and their groceries are sold at the lowest margin of profit. They know what the trade demands, and they know how to treat their customers in such a way that they can hold them. They do not carry any surplus stock and keep only what can be sold out in a short time, thus enabling them to keep fresh goods on hand.

Topeka Branch of the Kansas City Piano Company, S. Tracy, Manager.—The Topeka Branch of the Kansas City Piano Company, is one of the most popular establishments in the West. The manager, Mr. S. Tracy, is a thorough musician, both theoretical and mechanical. He has had years of experience in the manufacturing of instruments, and is an expert tuner and repairer. He sells three different makes of pianos and one standard organ. The Sohmer piano, which stands to-day without a rival, is his leader, closely followed by the Hallet & Cumston piano, with a standing of over half a century. The thousands of machines in use all over the country testify to the merit of these instruments. He handles the New England piano, which is one of the best medium-priced instruments made, and which challenges the world to produce a better instrument for the money. The Clough & Warren organ needs no comments; it has no rival.

C. L. Traver, Agent Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 104 East Sixth Street.—The Wells-Fargo Express Company is one of the greatest common carriers on the globe, doing a business, not only all over the United States, but in Europe, South America, China, Australia, Japan, and many other countries of the world. They have 2,654 offices, and operate over 40,000 miles of territory. They operate a through express line from ocean to ocean, over twenty-five of the principal railroad lines of the country. As a financial institution they rank with the first of the Union, and money and valuables entrusted to their care as carriers are absolutely secure from loss. Mr. C. L. Traver, the agent of the company at this place, has been in their employ for twenty years, and is one of their faithful and competent officials. He has been agent at this place for the past fourteen years, with the exception of one year when he was express messenger on the road. Mr. Traver is a native of New York, and removed early in life to Wisconsin, where he received his education in the public schools of that State. He has so well handled the company's interests here, that the express business is about equally divided with consolidated United States and Pacific companies.

Wiggin Brothers & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods, 613 and 615 Kansas Avenue.—As a representative concern none stand higher in

the mercantile interests of the city than the mammoth dry goods house known as Wiggin Brothers & Co., composed of Messrs. S. L. Leavitt, F. E. and C. P. Wiggin—who for over twelve years have done much to increase the reputation of this place as a retail center. For many years this stand was occupied by the firm of Hay, Gammon & Co., then Hay, Wiggin & Co., and finally by the present firm of Wiggin Bros. & Co. After the death of Mr. Hay, his interest was purchased by S. L. Leavitt, who had for many years been in the same business at Norwich, Conn., and in New Hampshire, but on account of failing health was obliged to come West. This house is noted for its hosiery trade. The premises cover 50 feet in width by 140 feet in depth. The amount of stock averages about \$60,000, while the yearly trade will run up to \$200,000. A force of twenty employes attend to the wants of the many patrons, and during the special sales, at different seasons in the year, the many bargains bring customers from far and near. All the partners are natives of New Hampshire, Messrs. Wiggin Brothers having been in the State some time prior to Mr. Leavitt's arrival, which was in 1879. The success of this establishment has long been assured, and stands as a monument to the business abilities of the men at its head.

W. H. Snyder & Co., Druggists, 607 Kansas Avenue, Topeka.—The oldest drug store in the city, is the one that heads this article. This store was first opened to the public under the firm name of Barnes & Sims, which afterwards became Sims Brothers, and in 1889 was succeeded by Messrs. W. H. Snyder and Geo. W. Flad, under the style of W. H. Snyder & Co. Special attention is given to the prescription trade, which requires the services of two pharmacists. Their store, 25x100 feet, is elegantly fitted up. No place carries a more complete line of druggists sundries, and many special lines can be obtained at this store that can be found no where else. Mr. Snyder, who is a native of Pennsylvania, is a prominent Odd Fellow, as is also Mr. Flad, who is a native Kansan.

Commonwealth Publishing and Supply Company.—The principal business of this house is setting up and printing "patent insides" for some 200 papers in this State, twenty-five printers, and stereotypers find here constant employment. The officers are as follows: President, F. P. Baker; secretary and treasurer, N. R. Baker; cashier, I. N. Baker, and H. W. Sharp, the president's son-in-law, as chief clerk. This concern was established in 1869, incorporated as a stock company in 1881, and the branch, known as the Kansas Newspaper Union, was opened in 1883. Vernon Fuller, the pressman, has been with the firm eighteen years. G. D. Baker has charge of the getting up matter for the ready prints, while his son, A. E. Baker, has charge of the make-up and stereotype department, and is foreman of the composing room. The Newspaper Union, located on Eighth Street, between Kansas Avenue and Jackson, has an elegant building devoted to the carrying everything in the way of paper stock, stationery of all kinds, sizes and manufactures; also presses and type, etc., of all makes,

which is under the charge of F. B. Irish. Mr. O. Badders manages the type and press department. Previous to the opening of this house, all who desired this class of goods had to be supplied from Eastern houses, but now the Commonwealth Publishing and Supply Company hold and control the trade of the State.

The United States Savings Bank.—Is the most progressive in the city, and, for the length of time it has been opened, since October 1, 1888, has been



most liberally patronized by the public. It occupies the best appointed offices in the city, the first floor of the Knox Building, which was erected in 1889, at a cost of \$100,000. The bank was organized with a paid-up capital of \$261,000 by Wm. C. Knox, the president, who is a native of Pennsylvania, and twenty-five years in Kansas. W. E. Sterne is vice president. The cashier, J. D. Salmons, was born in New York, is an experienced financier. He was in the

treasurer's office of the Santa Fé, leaving this to become teller in the Bank of Topeka three years. The following is their statement on the 20th of January, 1890:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$382,553 94
Demand loans.....	8,500 00
Overdrafts.....	1,498 45
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,195 27
Cash and sight exchange.....	38,284 27
Total.....	\$435,031 93
LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid in.....	\$261,000 00
Deposits:	
Subject to check.....	\$63,472 51
Savings book accts.....	46,243 17
Time certificates.....	51,046 96
	\$160,762 64
Dividend No. 2 (4 per cent semi-annual)....	10,440 00
Undivided profits.....	2,829 29
Total.....	\$435,031 93

Frank E. Wear, Sole Agent for the Celebrated Sunshine Coal, 114 West Sixth Avenue, Knox Building, Telephone 280.—Probably by far the largest dealer in this city in the black diamonds is Frank E. Wear, who as a public-spirited citizen, and as a member of a number of the financial institutions of this place, is well and favorably known. His business in the six years since its opening has been largely increasing, so that at the present time he has a force in the office of five men, with one continually on the road, while at his yards ten men with their teams are employed. Besides doing a large local trade, he ships in car-load lots to all points in this State, Nebraska, and the Indian Territory. Mr. Wear is a native of Pennsylvania. His "Sunshine" coal is the best-for grates, cooking-stoves and furnaces, as it makes no soot, no clinkers, but very little smoke, and only one hundred pounds of ash to the ton.

H. H. Mills & Sons, 723 Kansas Avenue.—No where can there be found a more complete stock than at H. H. Mills & Sons. Their store is 25x150 feet, with basement, and is filled with the choicest silks, satins and velvets, trimmings, gloves, carpets, etc. A visit to this emporium, even though you do not purchase, is well worth, for you will find the proprietors and their seventeen salesmen and ladies always courteous and ready to give you new ideas. Foreign importations are a feature of this house, the latest French and English fashions being obtained. Messrs. Mills are superior men of business, and fine judges of goods. H. H. is a native of Livingston County, N. Y., while W. W. and A. M. were born in Michigan. It is seven years this June since this house opened in Topeka, and with the ladies of the city and county they have always been a favorite. They do a heavy mail order business, and guarantee as good satisfaction in this way as if the purchaser came to the store in person.

J. W. Stoker & Son, Funeral Directors, 120 and 122 West Fifth Street.—The oldest and the leading representative in its line in this city



is the house of J. W. Stoker & Son, which was founded in 1874. These gentlemen are natives of Ohio, and thoroughly understand their business in every detail. They make a specialty of embalming, and have the only morgue connected with an undertaking establishment in the State. Recently they have procured the most elegant hearse that is in the State, at a cost of \$1,800. The premises consist of a two-story brick building, 40x100 feet. Located on the corner of Fifth and Jackson Streets is the office, separated from the wareroom, containing elegant samples of coffins, caskets and shrouds. Connecting with this room is one in which the trimming work is done. In one room, 20x40, is stored a large stock of caskets that are arranged tier upon tier, according to size. Back of this are the stables, in which we find one span of perfectly white, and a second span of coal black horses. The office is connected with telephone, and orders either by telegraph or telephone are promptly attended to. Four employés are in constant attendance.

Topeka Paper Company, Wholesale Paper, 213 West Fourth Street.—Among the enterprises that have lately made this city their headquarters, prominent mention should be made of the Topeka Paper Company, of which C. B. Samson is the president, and C. H. Samson is the secretary. Both these gentlemen are widely known as former "Knights of the Grip," having been connected with some of the leading jobbing paper houses of the country. In the new building, which was recently erected for them, may be found building paper, printers' inks, butter dishes, pencils, wrapping paper, and printers' stocks of every description. Four salesmen are employed on the road, while three find employment inside. Mr. Samson, senior, is from New York, and a member of the Masonic

order. He is also the owner of a farm of 560 acres northwest of the city, 300 acres being planted in wheat. On this farm he keeps 175 head of cattle. Mr. Samson, junior, is a native Iowa, and a member of the K. of P., and a representative young business man, who believes in Topeka's future as a jobbing point.

C. E. Buhre, Jeweler, 623 Kansas Avenue.—As a leading representative in this line of business, C. E. Buhre deserves special mention. No one desiring anything in watches, a \$500 stop-watch chronometer, a Jurgensen's, or any foreign and domestic make, can view this stock without saying that right here in Topeka their wants need not go unsatisfied. Alike all descriptions of jewelry, diamonds, chains, bracelets, scarf pins, rings, silver and plated ware, canes and umbrellas, is here displayed. Three competent men, a practical jeweler, a watchmaker and an engraver, are always in attendance. In the seven years since Mr. B. established in Topeka, his success has been great, and the handsome store, with its wealth of elegant goods, make the eye water, and the average person envious in thought. From 1865 to 1883, Mr. Buhre was in this same business at Lake Geneva, Wis., to which place he had gone after the war. A native of Canandaigua, N. Y., we find him at the opening of the Civil War a member of the 22d Wisconsin Inf., under General Sherman, in the 20th Army Corps. At Nashville he was captured, with over two hundred others, and was an inmate of the famous Libby Prison, at Richmond, from which place he was finally released, when he rejoined his regiment after exchange. Mr. Buhre is a genial and well-informed gentleman, a member of the Masonic order, Royal Arch and Knights Templar, and of the G. A. R.

Sam Hindman, Staple and Fancy Groceries; 735 Kansas Avenue.—The name of Sam Hindman is one of the best known in Kansas, while his grocery store is one of Topeka's landmarks. It occupies 30x75 feet, on the corner of Eighth and the Avenue, with large plate-glass windows, through which every passer can view the elegant arrangement and large stock within. A specialty here is made of fine groceries and fine grades of flour. Mr. H., who was born in Dayton, Ohio, has been in the grocery business twenty years; ten years in his present location. For two years he was city marshal here. He had a stirring experience in the old freighting days prior to the war, in Kansas. He also was in farming and hotel business, but is best known as a successful grocer. Five employés are necessary to attend to the trade. Among the business men of Topeka none stand higher than Sam Hindman.

Crosby Brothers, Dry Goods, 533 Kansas Avenue and 110 West Sixth Street.—Enterprising and reliable, possessed with ample capital, this firm is always in the market, prepared to take advantage of forced sales, and the goods thus procured at a great sacrifice are placed before their customers at such reduced prices as to always give them a steady trade. They carry a bewildering assortment of dress goods, cottons, woollens, linens, shawls, wrap-

umbrellas, parasols, gossamers. Their premises have a frontage on the avenue of twenty-five feet, and run back two hundred feet, where they connect with an "L," fronting on Sixth Street, the "L" being devoted to ladies' dress goods. They also have basement and second story, and employ from thirty-five to fifty ladies and gentlemen. They use the cash overhead-wire system. This house has been in existence since August 1, 1880, and comprises two brothers, W. T. and E. H. Crosby, both natives of Louisiana. They are successors to Bartholomew & Co. Both have had a long training in this business, W. T. having been with Messrs. Yale & Bowling, of New Orleans, for two years; while E. H. Crosby was for eight years with Messrs. Crom, Hargadine & Co., of St. Louis. A specialty with this firm is a large and complete line of hosiery.

W. A. S. Bird, Attorney, 601 Kansas Avenue.—Among the names that have acquired prominence at the Topeka bar, is that of W. A. S. Bird. Born in Pennsylvania, after receiving a thorough education he studied law, and in due time was admitted to practice at Falls City, Nebraska. In the spring of 1882, he opened an office in this city, where he has been eminently successful. Besides practicing in all the State and Federal courts, he gives special attention to damage cases, corporation and commercial law. During 1887-8, Mr. Bird was city attorney, and during his term he disposed of over \$100,000 damage suits against the city, at a cost not exceeding \$2,000. Is a member of the Kansas State Bar Association, a K. of P., an I. O. O. F., belonging also to the Improved Order of Red Men, and A. O. U. W. He is as valued a member of society as he is prominent in the legal profession.

J. W. Stout & Co., Mantels, Grates, Tiles, Brass Goods, Mantel Ornaments, Etc., 721 Kansas Avenue.—With increasing wealth, more attention is being bestowed on the cultivation of the artistic and beautiful in interior decorations. At the great house of Stout & Co., we find some elegant and striking examples of the extent to which interior decoration has been carried in the way of mantels, tiling, etc. This firm, which consists of J. W. Stout, a native of Ohio, and W. H. Fernald, who was born in Indiana, have built up a business that has steadily grown into public favor. They have been in this line for fifteen years and employ two competent men who are well prepared to set mantels, tiling, etc., in the city or country. Estimates are furnished and plans drawn, for any work that may be desired. They have just completed the marble work in the new Windsor Hotel in this city, and the tiling, marble flooring, together with the large slabs of marble on the sides of the walls and stair-cases, closets, etc., were done by Messrs. Stout & Co.

F. Mautz, Millinery.—By the feminine element of the city, the millinery store of F. Mautz is regarded as the *ultima thule* of a day's shopping. At this place is the largest assortment in the city, of hats trimmed and untrimmed, ribbon in all sizes and colors, feathers, and the thousand and one feminine adornments that so

materially enhance the beauty of the face. Over the nine experts that are required to do the work Mrs. Mautz gives her personal supervision, so that entire satisfaction is always given. Madame Mautz is a native of Germany, and has been doing business here for the past four years, and by her courtesy and skill in this line has made many warm friends. Her parlors are large and inviting, the work-shop conveniently arranged, while the stock carried is unequalled for quality and completeness.

The Peerless Laundry, E. Whitmarsh, Proprietor.—This well-known laundry is located on the north side of Eighth Street, between Kansas Avenue and Jackson, and has been established for three years, during which time it has greatly increased its custom. Employing fifteen hands, and fitted up with every device for washing, drying and ironing, it reflects great credit upon its proprietor, who thoroughly understands the business. Mr. W. is a native of Iowa, and a member of the National Union. The reputation of the work of his laundry is second to none. His custom extends throughout the State, in the principal cities of which branch agencies have been established.

T. W. Willis & Co., Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, 131 Kansas Avenue.—This enterprising firm succeeded to the business of P. H. Holland & Co., thirteen years ago. Some may call this number unlucky, but not so to the Willis Bros. for they have since built up an immense trade, proving there is luck in virtue numbers. In their store, 25x85 feet, besides workshop, they carry a complete stock of shelf and builders' hardware; stoves that are marvels of the foundryman's work; kitchen furnishings, tin, copper, brass, wood and willow ware. Among their customers are the largest and most careful buyers in the city, who find their prices uniform and as low as at the jobbing houses. They undertake any class of contract work in roofing, guttering or cornices, as low as can be obtained in Kansas City or elsewhere, and have four experienced men always engaged. Thos. W. Willis was born in Danville, N. Y., and his brother, Jas. D., in Dundee, of the same State. They are millers by trade, but having been so long in hardware seem to the manor born. T. W. during the war was a member of the Norfolk Post Band, and is a prominent Mason. Messrs. Willis are worthy citizens, and hold the confidence of a community in which they are old residents.

The Topeka Commercial Security Company, 807 Kansas Avenue.—To those desiring to borrow on collateral security, invest in interest-bearing paper, deposit funds at interest, or purchase or sell securities of any class, the Topeka Commercial Security Company, with a capital of \$100,000, offers peculiar advantages. On the board of directors are some of the city's best men. The president, H. C. Speer, is a native of Mississippi, and was superintendent of public instruction for the State of Kansas for a period of four years. R. M. Gage, the efficient cashier, is a native of Athol, Mass., and came West in 1867. Thirteen years was spent by him in the stock and mercantile business,

while for seven years he has been engaged in loans and banking. With such gentlemen at its head, the institution serves the best interests of the community. They deal exclusively in paper suitable for banks, and never offer what they do not own or are unwilling to guarantee. All remittances made to customers are free from charge in exchange.

Topeka Steam Laundry, the Largest and Most Complete in the State, F. A. Ripley, Manager, 625 Jackson Street.—Since the establishment of the Topeka Steam Laundry, the comfort of the housewife, the visitor, and the old bachelor has been greatly augmented, for now with the system of drying indoors we are all sure of receiving our laundry at a specified time, let the weather be foul or fair. This business was established in 1881, but not until 1883 did it become the property of its present proprietors, Messrs. F. A. & A. A. Ripley, both being natives of Vermont. While F. A. Ripley is the manager, who has lived in the State for twenty years, farming up to 1876, and from '76 to '83 engaged in the grocery trade. Mr. Ripley employs about thirty-five hands, and has several delivery and collecting wagons. All through the State this laundry has its agencies. The trade is probably the largest in Kansas, the most improved machinery for doing laundry work quickly and easily being used.

M. W. Van Valkenburg & Co., Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Accident Insurance, 519 Kansas Avenue.—Among the prominent firms of the city Messrs. M. W. Van Valkenburg & Co. claim special mention. They represent companies that are the strongest and most reliable we have in the United States or England: *Ætna*, of Hartford; *Liverpool*, London and *Globe*, of England; *North British and Mercantile*, of England; *London Assurance*, of England; *Hartford Fire*, of Hartford; *German-American*, of New York; *American Fire*, of Philadelphia; *Niagara*, of New York; *Liberty*, of New York; *Fidelity and Casualty*, of New York; making a total of \$39,987,391 assets. Mr. Van Valkenburg is the State agent for the *Liverpool*, *London and Globe Company*. He was born and reared in New York, and moved to Illinois, engaging first in the grain business, and afterwards had charge of a railroad office at East St. Louis. He is an I. O. O. F. John L. Guy is a native of Ohio, and was in Co. E, 18th Ohio Inf., during the war, losing an arm at the battle of Stone River. For four years he was clerk of the court of common pleas, and for the same length of time county treasurer of Gallia County, at Gallipolis, Ohio. He belongs to the K. of P., K. of H. and G. A. R. This business was started by its present proprietors, in May, 1889, they having bought out an old agency, and during the time they have been at its head, have shown their great ability.

A. W. Waters, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, 523 Kansas Avenue.—In the profession of surveyor and civil engineer a leading figure is A. W. Waters. In addition to the duties of his profession Mr. Waters conducts a loan and real estate business, for which he is adapted by reason of his having been deputy city assessor

for three years. He has been a resident of the State for twenty-five years. He was born in New York. He opened his office for business in 1884. For seventeen years he was in farming, and well he knows the truth of the saying —

"That he who by the plough would thrive
Must either hold, himself, or drive."

At different periods in his life he has been county surveyor, and laid out many railroads, and State and county roads. He is author of a book entitled the "Assessors' Manual," containing all the laws pertaining to valuation and assessment of property in Kansas, a copy of which he has sent to every county clerk and assessor throughout the State. The information therein contained is very valuable to those making assessment rolls, and full of decisions by some of our leading judges throughout the United States.

Kohler & Manspeaker, 625 Kansas Avenue.—As caterers and confectioners, Messrs. Kohler & Manspeaker's elegant parlors are the resort for the *élite* of both sexes, who delight in luxurious surroundings while indulging the palate with the toothsome dainties that are always to be found here. In their catering department may be found the choicest line of *bon bons*, paper cases and favors for the German that are in the city, while for parties, balls, weddings or banquets, their facilities are unsurpassed. They have for hire, folding tables and chairs, dishes, linen, silverware and trays, with all the necessary articles needed for ladies wishing to give receptions, and competent attendants can also be furnished. Confections of all kinds are daily made here, of every style, while in their baking department, presided over by an artist thoroughly competent, the ladies can always obtain a supply of everything needed for the table. These gentlemen have been in the city since 1880, and moved their place of business from 626 to 625 Kansas Avenue, February 8, 1890. They are natives of Pennsylvania, and are specially adapted to succeed in their business. They do a large and lucrative trade, both in and out of the city. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

E. B. Guild, Pianos and Organs.—The more civilization a nation has, the more music-loving it becomes, and he who directs people's minds and thoughts in such a direction becomes a benefactor to mankind. In the store of E. B. Guild, who by the way is the oldest firm in this branch of business, having been established since 1875, may be found one of the choicest lines of instruments of all kinds, together with every thing in the way of sheet music, both vocal and instrumental, arranged for all musical instruments. Also the following celebrated makes of pianos: the *Weber*, *Everett*, *Starr & Co.*; and in organs we find the *Newman Bros.*, and the *Chicago Cottage*; band instruments, violins, guitars, zithers and mandolins. Besides doing the largest local trade in town, Mr. Guild keeps a number of experienced employes on the road. A native of New York, and for fifteen years in the music business, few men are so well qualified to successfully carry on so large an institution, an institution he has made by his own energy and business ability.

The Great Rock Island Route.

From the Lakes to the Rockies, from Michigan and its huge sister inland seas on the east, to the sun-bathed plains of the far Southwest, and the mighty and grandly beautiful cañons of Colorado on the west—such is the flight of a great railroad in a single generation, whose history is a romance written upon the continent in steel and iron.

In 1854, the Rock Island was completed to the Mississippi River, and many will remember the royal welcome given the pioneer line when the work was completed. It was the first connecting link between the East and the Mississippi. Twelve years afterward the road began its second triumphal progress, reaching Council Bluffs, June 7, 1869. Here connection was made with the Union Pacific, thus completing the trans-continental line to the Golden Gate. New territory was at once acquired north and south, and in 1871 recorded a third important event in its history by building southwest into Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison and Leavenworth. The advent of this already well-known system was cause for rejoicing. Elegant chair and dining-cars and other luxuries of travel never before accorded the "Rowdy West," were an

improvement over the box car and smoker equipment to which the people had been accustomed. The great Northwest was next systematically invaded, and the rich and beautiful States of Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota were taken under the Rock Island's generous care. In 1876, the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway, (now the Rock Island,) under the patronage of the great Rock Island and its splendid management, crossed the "Big Muddy" at St. Joseph and began the fifth and most brilliant chapter in this romance of the rail. With the unmistakable purpose of ultimately pushing into Mexico on the South and the Golden Gate on the West, the main lines were constructed heading that way, while feeders were run out in all directions until



the Rock Island in Kansas forms a goodly portion of their mileage. It was everywhere apparent, even to those not familiar with railroad construction, that these lines were built "for keeps," and with the view that the best is always cheapest in the end. Pushing out towards the Northwest into Nebraska, a branch line was constructed to Fairbury and Nelson. Southward a most valuable field was conquered, and the rails laid to No Man's Land, through Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Another band of steel reaches southwest to Liberal, on the border. Later an army of men were massed at Norton, and the march to the Rockies began. The rapidity of this construction was the source of wonder throughout the land, and on October 12,

1888, in the presence of a large gathering, including the officers of the company, the last spike was driven which completed the line to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Such is a brief history of a wonderful road. A more popular one does not exist. Its policy was a revelation to the people of the West from the beginning. They were unused to the consideration accorded them by the management of

or Taylor's is to New York, so is Hopkins to Topeka. For a wedding feast or banquet in this city to be attended to by Hopkins is to have everything *au fait*. Being the largest caterer in the State, his out-of-town orders are numerous, but having a force of eleven assistants he is able to give them perfect attention. At this place may be found candies of every grade from *bon bons* and chocolates, in satin-lined boxes, to the home-



VEALE BLOCK, TOPEKA.

the new road; they were likewise unused to the comforts afforded by their royal vestibuled trains, and superior accommodations throughout. Though the characteristics of the magnates of the Rock Island had preceded them, it was hardly believed that a railway company would seek to make friends among the people further than to secure all they desired in the matter of right-of-way. It was and has since been a happy surprise to the average Kansan to note the endeavor upon the part of the Rock Island management to please its patrons above all else. The best equipment, the best of everything, in fact, for the comfort and safety of the traveling public is afforded by the Rock Island. Its solid vestibule trains, with dining, chair and sleeping-cars attached, run through direct from Chicago to Denver without change, connecting at Kansas City for St. Louis and the South, and at Denver for Pacific Coast points.

For maps, routes and rates to any point call at your nearest Rock Island ticket office, or address John Sebastian, general ticket and passenger agent, Chicago, or S. F. Boyd, assistant general ticket and passenger agent, Topeka.

J. C. Hopkins, Confectioner and Caterer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Fruits, 729 Kansas Avenue.—No place in the city is better known than the confectionery, restaurant and ice cream parlors of J. C. Hopkins. What Maillard's

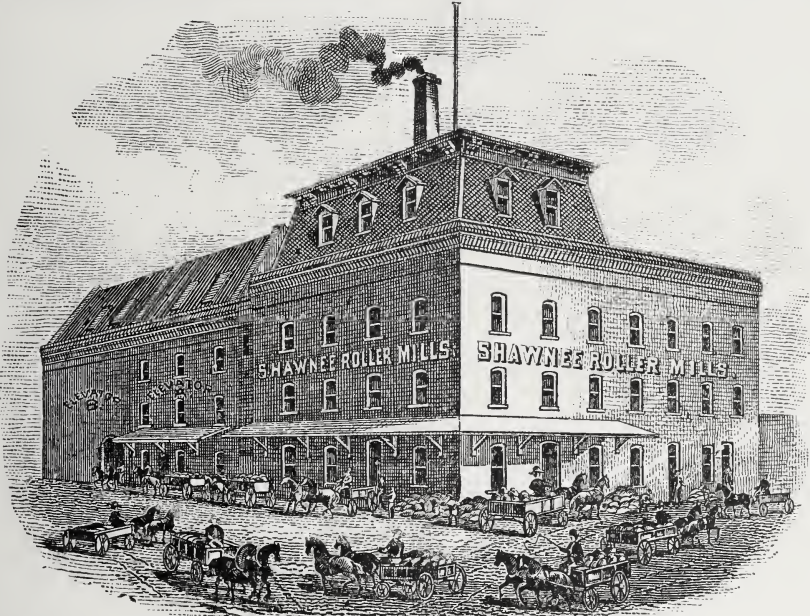
made taffy, all made from the best sugar, a cook that cannot be surpassed, the richest cakes, etc.; soda and mineral waters are on draught from a handsome fountain. The dining-room parlor, upstairs, can seat 100 persons; it is decorated with pictures and elegant chairs and tables, with a splendid *cuisine* combine to make this an attractive place to meal at. Mr. Hopkins is a native of Iowa, and has had this place for four years, with an experience as a caterer for seven years. He is a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. F. and order of the Red Men.

J. Weiss & Co., Staple and Fancy Groceries, Flour, Etc.—In the matter of supplying our families with food, a necessary question to ask before a grocer is selected is, where will I find a place that has a reputation for honesty in treatment and purity in the quality of goods. Such a place is the establishment of Mes. rs. J. Weiss & Co. The store is 25x130 feet, with basement. They employ three salesmen, and have several delivery wagons running to every part of the city. It is seldom one finds a store whose interior appearance equals this, in point of attractive arrangements in the diversified stock of staple and fancy groceries, canned and pickled goods, fruits from California, imported oranges and dates, etc. Mr. J. Weiss is a native of Germany, but came to the United States when a child. As Captain of Co. H, in the 3d

Illinois Cav., he served in the Union army for four years and three months, and has been in the grocery trade twenty-one years. In 1866 he came to Kansas, and the partnership between Mr. Whitaker and himself has existed for four years. Mr. Whitaker is a native of this State, and no firm is more pushing or commands more respect.

Shellabarger & Griswold, Shawnee Roller Mills.—With four great trunk lines of railroads centering here, few towns form as good

years, while J. J. Cox, the junior, has had four years' acquaintance with the business. Messrs. Evans & Co. employ a force of 200 skillful men, while their monthly pay roll amounts to \$40,000. With a capital of \$100,000, and \$35,000 invested in derricks, tools, etc., the public will recognize this as a large undertaking. Messrs. E. & Co. also built the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, which cost the State about half a million dollars. These gentlemen, who are natives of Indiana, have been in partnership since 1886, and enjoy a prestige second to no similar



a point for milling as Topeka. The great success of the Shawnee Mills since they started in 1871 proves this. These mills have the latest machinery, and consist of a large brick building, fronting 100 feet on Kansas Avenue, and running back 150 feet, four-story and basement. The storage capacity is 75,000 bushels of wheat; the output is 300 barrels of flour daily, requiring the services of twenty men. Recently large shipments have been made to Glasgow, Liverpool, and other European markets. Among their leading brands are, "Topeka Patent," "Red Bird," "Shawnee Fancy," and "Eagle." The proprietors, upon whose skill and experience the mill reflects great credit, are J. L. Shellabarger and J. P. Griswold. Mr. S. is a native of Pennsylvania, and served in the Union army as a lieutenant. Mr. G. was born in New Haven, Ct. They have ever done all in their power to build up the commerce of the city, and extend her fame throughout the world.

Geo. H. Evans & Co., Contractors State House.—There is no building in the State that interests so large a number of persons as the elegant State House, now in process of erection by the well-known contracting firm of Messrs. Geo. H. Evans & Co. Geo. H. Evans, the senior of the firm, has had an experience of twenty

years in the country. It is fortunate for the tax payers of the State to have such a capable firm in whose hands they may feel assured that the work is being well done, and that the Capitol Building when finished, will be a credit to the State, and a lasting monument to its contractors.

H. M. Washburn, Registered Pharmacist.—Since 1884, the drug store of H. M. Washburn has been known to the people of this city as a reliable place at which to trade. The pleasing interior is attractive by reason of the display of an unusually finely-arranged stock. Two competent assistants are always on hand to fill out prescriptions. Mr. Washburn, who is a native of New York, is a registered pharmacist. Besides drugs, he also handles glass, oils and paints, artists' and painters' materials; being the depot for all homeopathic remedies, a large addition is thus made to his regular trade. As a Mason, druggist and citizen, this gentleman is held in universal esteem, and commands a large share of the best city trade.

Dutton House.—This hotel is most centrally located, being situated between the R. I. and U. P. R. R. on one side, and the Mo. Pac. and S. F. R. R. on the other. Mr. M. H. Dutton, the proprietor, is a native Kansan, and was born at

Oskaloosa. In 1879 the Dutton House was established, and, with its three stories, which contain thirty-five rooms, a dining-room that comfortably seats sixty guests, and a force of twelve employes, the guests can here obtain all the attention and care to which they may be accustomed. The rates are a dollar and a half per day. The traveler who once becomes a guest here rarely changes, but finds that for a good, quiet, homelike hotel, none excel the Dutton House.

J. M. Brown, County Clerk.—Was born in Owen County, Ky., but most of his life he has lived in Ohio, gaining his education at Columbus, and at Oberlin College. Ten years of his life was spent in farming. In 1871 he removed from Ohio to Mississippi, where he remained until 1876. During his residence in Mississippi he was appointed by Governor Adelbert Ames, who was a son-in-law of Gen. B. F. Butler, to the colonelcy of the 1st Mississippi Reg't of Militia, and sheriff and tax collector. In August, 1876, he removed from Mississippi to Kansas, and for three years held a position in the auditor's office in this city. For one year he was principal of the colored school in North Topeka. Mr. Brown performs the duties of the clerk's office satisfactorily, and in electing him the voters of the county can feel certain of their interests being thoroughly guarded. He is a popular member of the I. O. O. F.

Byron Roberts, County Treasurer.—This gentleman is peculiarly adapted for the position to which he was called in November, 1889. For twenty-one years Mr. R. has been a resident of the State, having been born in Ohio. He was fifteen years cashier of the Bank of Topeka, and during that long term of service became known as a careful, prudent and conservative financier. He is now serving his second term in this office, having been elected in 1885, but did not enter the office till 1886. Last fall his re-election took place, and his affairs went forward without a break in the routine of business. A large force of clerks is necessary, and the work is so systematized that there is nothing but harmony in the working of the office.

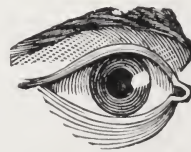
S. J. Bear, Register of Deeds.—At the November election of 1889, S. J. Bear was elected to the office of register of deeds for Shawnee County, and on January 13th, '90, entered upon its duties. For eight years Mr. Bear was connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company at this place, and for four years was manager. Mr. B. was born in Lancaster, Pa., but has for many years been a resident of Kansas. He has three clerks under him, and the affairs of the office are conducted upon purely business principles, for which, by his former experience, he is well adapted.

American Tailors, 112 East Fifth Street, Office Block; Rambo & Regel, Proprietors.—The tailoring establishment of Messrs. Rambo & Regel, established in 1889, has entered upon a career of prosperity. Mr. Rambo has been in Topeka for the past thirty-three years, while Mr. Regel has been one year here. They keep

fifteen employes busy with their present trade, and the probabilities are that their business will shortly necessitate an increase. The room occupied is 25x70 feet, and here a good stock of goods favor a choice selection. They employ only first-class workmen and do the very best work, both in fit and quality. Parties out of city are respectfully invited to call and examine goods and get prices.

Topeka Tent and Awning Factory, J. C. Harding, Proprietor.—Since the establishment of this place seven years since, the trade has always been large and is constantly increasing. Three employes are at work in the factory, which is carried on in the two-story and basement brick that is 25x80 feet. In addition to the tent and awning line, carpet cleaning is carried on. Mr. Harding is a native of Indiana, and has been engaged, at other periods of his life, in farming and in the livery business.

Secret Detective Service at Topeka, Kas., F. C. McPherson, Manager, 620 Kansas Avenue.—Legitimate detective work,



executed with care and promptness by experienced male and female operators. They have detectives who are trained to look after and detect criminals of all classes. There is no chance of their man being bought off, as there are always

two men put to work on cases of importance, thus, one man to watch the other. Their detectives are unknown to the public. Their work is not limited to this continent alone, but are just as active in Great Britain, her colonies, France, Germany, and other countries. Mr. F. C. McPherson, manager at Topeka, Kas., has been in the business since a mere lad; he has worked under some of America's shrewdest detectives, and has been instrumental in bringing some of America's most noted criminals to justice; he has worked for the United States Government, as well as British, Canadian and Australian governments in this line; he is acquainted with crooks of this and foreign lands, has studied their ways and the working of their different professions; has been known as "Billy the Kid," "Pinkeye," and the "Ventriloquist Detective," etc. We do not have to say much in regard to reliability of the service, for they are well known to be trustworthy, honest, etc. Just give them a test case; try their reliability. All information regarded as strictly confidential. Government, railroad and bank business a speciality.

Farmland Mortgage and Deben-ture Company, Close Brothers & Co., Managers.—84 and 86 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Charles Humble, Resident Agent, Topeka, Kansas. Correspondence solicited.

Vincent Kaczynski, Wood and Coal, Corner Fourth and Jackson Streets.—Three prime necessities of our daily life are wood, coal and ice. An old established and reliable dealer in these commodities is Mr. Vincent Kaczynski

who has been known to the public for the past eight years. Employing three hands and using two teams, he is prepared to fill all orders promptly. Previously to his entering this business he was engaged in street sprinkling. Mr. K. is a native of Leavenworth. At his yards can be found at all times a full supply of Osage and Lehigh coals, of which he makes a specialty.

C. Moeser, Furniture, 303 Kansas Avenue.—Handling nothing but furniture, Mr. C. Moeser is known throughout this country as a close and careful buyer, selling his goods at a slight increase above the original cost. The stock is quite complete and attractively displayed. In carpets the selections are unusually good. For thirty-one years this gentleman has been a resident of the State, although born in Germany. He employs two hands, thoroughly experienced in the carpet and furniture business. Belonging to the National Union, he joins the social with his business life.

E. V. Coldren, M. D., Physician.—The name of Dr. Coldren is happily associated with many wonderful cures. Careful in his diagnosis, he does not jump at conclusions, but feels his way to the seat of disease. A native of Ohio, he graduated from the Keokuk, Iowa, State Medical University, in 1863, and has since been in regular practice, first in Dubuque, and in Topeka now seven years. Dr. Coldren was appointed medical examiner for the People's Mutual Benefit Society of Elkhart, Indiana, January 30, 1890. He has a lucrative practice, both in and out of town.

Central School Supply Agency, 832 Kansas Avenue.—The above business was established in 1878, and has been growing constantly into popular favor with each recurring year. They carry a full stock of school supplies, and deal in school furniture, maps, globes, charts, books, stationery, blackboards and blackboard material, tellurians, etc., at both wholesale and retail. To this they have added a book exchange, and buy, sell, and exchange all the standard series of school, law and miscellaneous books. All orders by mail for anything in their line promptly filled or money returned. School books can be purchased of this firm at publisher's introductory prices, a great reduction on the retail rate. In dealing with this agency, the public deals with a perfectly reliable house who have been doing business for many years, and command the confidence of all with whom they have had business relations. Correspondence solicited.

The Topeka Capital, J. K. Hudson, Editor and Proprietor.—Topeka, the metropolis of Kansas, with a wide-awake, enterprising population of 50,000 people, and rapidly growing in everything that makes a city prosperous, affords a local constituency for the *Capital* which few papers ever enjoy. It has no rival within the State of Kansas as a daily paper, and issues a Sunday edition that, for the character of the matter it contains, as well as the amount, entitles it to rank with the best newspapers of any State. The *Capital* is the only morning paper issued in Topeka, and is a consolidation of the *Capital*, *Commonwealth* and *State Record*, which

has given it a clear field, since 1888. It is the official State and county paper, and has no superior in the State as an advertising medium. The *Capital* prides itself upon its ability to thoroughly cover its own State. It is untiring in its efforts to extend its circulation within the borders of Kansas. The daily edition, besides having a large circulation at Topeka, reaches every smaller city and town in the State. The weekly edition is read by the farmers of Kansas, and reaches over 1,000 post offices and every county in the State. Advertisers desiring to reach Kansas readers can do so more effectually through the columns of the *Daily* and *Weekly Capital* than by using any five other publications that may be named. Write for terms and prices to the *Capital*, Topeka, Kas., or to any of the leading advertising agents in the United States.

Abe Steinberg, Dealer in Fine Tailor-made Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods, 606 and 608 Kansas Avenue.—The great clothing house of Abe Steinberg stands in the lead in the trade here. Mr. S. has been thirteen years in the business here, and his house is headquarters for first-class goods and low prices. He occupies two floors of one of the imposing buildings of the city, 40x75 feet, with a stock that approaches as nearly to completeness as it is possible to do. The rooms are finished in oil, and the display of goods, under the skillful manipulation of eight employés, make a showing that cannot be approached by any other establishment in the city. Mr. Steinberg is a native of Germany, who landed in this country in 1867, and began his business career as a clerk. He now carries a \$50,000 stock in his store. He is a member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F., K. of P. and A. O. U. W. orders.

Thomas Mooney, 120 East Fourth Street.—Many men have made fortunes by a lucky investment. One of those institutions that has served to elevate many a poverty-stricken individual from obscurity to a position of competence where he could be a valuable member of society, is the Louisiana State Lottery and other kindred organizations. People will spend a given amount of money in some manner and there is nothing that offers the chance of such large gains for so small an investment as the institutions under consideration. Mr. Mooney is the only general agent in the city for the Louisiana, little Louisiana and Mexican lotteries. He is well known, and has been in business here for a long time. He cashes all prizes drawn here.

Charles Lewis, Produce and Commission Merchant, Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Vegetables, Etc., 206 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.—The subject of this sketch is one of the most experienced in the business in the West, having been engaged in the same occupation in Ohio for twenty years, before he came to this State ten years ago. His present establishment has been in operation for the past two years and extends all over the State, receiving and transmitting consignments in every direction. Mr. Lewis is a native of New York, and during the war served in the 5th Ohio Inf. His experience and knowledge of the markets makes him a most desirable

mass for the public to deal with when they want car-load or job lots of vegetables or produce of any description at the very lowest prices.

L. Dumas, General Commission Merchant, Wholesale Dealer in Fruits, Produce, Grain and Feed, 120 Kansas Avenue.—The subject of this sketch is a native of France, and came to this country in 1879, settling in Topeka. Three years ago he embarked in his present enterprise, and has been doing his share of the commission business ever since. He uses two floors of a building 25x60 feet, and requires the services of two employés. He supplies to the consumer the products of the producer at the minimum expense of transportation secured by large shipments. There are none more reliable, more competent and worthy of trust than Mr. Dumas.

Whittier's Lunch and Short Order House, 730 Kansas Avenue.—There is no place in the city where one can drop in and procure such a satisfactory lunch as at the establishment of Mr. F. W. Whittier. He has conducted his present business for the past six years at this place with entire satisfaction to the public and profit to himself. His establishment is 25x80 feet, completely equipped for business, and the patronage necessitates the services of eight employés. The lunch counter is arranged on three sides of the room, and with every convenience of service. The bill of fare comprises everything the market affords that can be prepared in eatable shape. The place is kept open day and night, and a neat dining apartment in the rear, for the accommodation of the lady patrons, completes the equipments of one of the first establishments in Kansas.

Topeka Packing House Market, Produce Commission Merchants.—The Topeka Packing House Market is the busiest place in the city engaged in that line of business. They were established here in 1879, and rank as the oldest produce commission firm here. They handle enormous quantities of produce from surrounding points, and they ship to the outside trade in addition to the home consumption. The building occupied is 25x150 feet, and the business necessitates the employment of four assistants. They carry a full stock of meats, produce and vegetables. They can make it to the interest of outside dealers to buy of them in bulk or car-load lots, as their superior facilities for buying from first hands and shipping over all roads enable them to make the very lowest prices.

James B. Hayden, Jeweler, 602 Kansas Avenue.—Mr. Hayden has been twenty-one years in the business at this place, and has an extensive acquaintance. Besides his personal efforts he requires the services of two employés to meet the demands of trade. He carries a large stock of diamonds, watches, clocks, jewelry, and silver and plated ware, and does fine engraving, for which purpose he keeps an experienced workman. Mr. Hayden is a native of Ohio, and has been in the jewelry business almost all his life with unvarying success. His judgment is often consulted in regard to the value of precious stones. His stock amounts to about \$35,000, and is superior to that of estab-

lishments of greater pretensions. Mr. Hayden holds membership with the Masonic fraternity.

T. F. Colwell, Baker, Confectioner and Restaurant, 110 Sixth Avenue East.—This business has been in operation for the past ten years under various proprietors. Mr. Colwell assumed control last year, and has met with pronounced success. The building occupied is 25x100 feet, the lower floor being used for the bakery and lunch counter, while the upper floor is used as a dining-room and ice cream parlor. The lunch counter is first-class in every particular, being kept open day and night. This establishment is one of the most complete in this State. The proprietor is fully conversant with the business, and employés are courteous and scrupulously clean and neat.

John M. Tobias, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, 524 Kansas Avenue.—Dr. John Milton Tobias, a scholarly physician and surgeon, is a recent addition to the medical profession of the City of Topeka, having been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for twenty-two years in Southern Indiana and Illinois. He is a graduate of the Eclectic and Allopathic Schools of Medicine; a permanent member of the State and National Eclectic Medical Associations; he is also a member of the following orders: A. F. and A. M., R. A. M., I. O. O. F., K. of P., P. O. S. of A., and G. A. R., in all of which he has filled important positions. Dr. Tobias is a native of Paris, Ind., and has a war record of which he may well be proud, entering the army, when twenty years old, April 21, 1861, and served four years and two months in the 12th Indiana Inf.; first under General Banks, then under Generals Grant, Sherman and Logan; he was engaged in twenty-four hard-fought battles and innumerable skirmishes; was once severely wounded, and once taken prisoner. He entered the army as a private, and was promoted to first lieutenant, and then commander of company, and was in command of the advance company of infantry in Sherman's army on the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., in 1865.

A. H. Nooney & Co.—A. H. Nooney and J. J. Cox, Contractors for Steam-Heating Apparatus, Plumbing and Gas Fitting, 116 East Seventh Street, between Kansas Avenue and Quincy Street.—There is no business that contributes more to the conveniences of modern life than that of the plumber and gas fitter, the business of this house was conducted for seven years in this place under the firm name of John Sheahan, who was succeeded in 1889 by the present proprietors. They do a large outside business as well as local, operating in other States than Kansas. They employ from four to ten plumbers, and guarantee all of their work. They are prepared to bid on large jobs for the highest class of work. They carry a full supply of plumbing materials and fixtures for repairing.

W. F. Danvers, District Agent, Pacific Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Company, of California.—The Pacific Mutual has been competing successfully for business since its organization in 1867, and is to-day more popular than ever. It has paid to policy holders since

its organization the enormous sum of \$4,000,000. It issues policies on the life and endowment plan, and accident insurance as well. It carries a surplus of nearly \$800,000. Mr. Danvers, who has lived in Topeka for the past five years is all it takes to make up the successful insurance man—agreeable in manner, with the proper degree of confidence and enthusiasm.

"Kansas Telegraph," H. von Langen.—This paper is published in the interests of the German people, and in the text of the Fatherland. The paper is a seven-column quarto, full of national and local events, and dispenses Democratic principles without fear or favor. Mr. von Langen has been in Kansas about twelve years, and has published the German paper for the past ten years. The paper has a circulation of about four thousand, and reaches many of the States.

W. F. Ellison, Assistant Post Master.—The efficient assistant post master of Topeka has proven a valuable aid to his chief in the successful manipulations of the different departments of the mail service. Obliging at all times, he has won the confidence of the public, and furnishes an example of promotion achieved by merit. He is a native of Ohio, but he has been a resident of Kansas for the past twenty-two years. He has been in the postal service twelve years, and when Mr. King was appointed post master by President Harrison, a year ago, Mr. Ellison was called to his assistance in his present capacity.

Capital City Museum and Theatre, 814 816 Kansas Avenue, F. D. Hewes, Manager.—The enterprising theatrical manager, Mr. F. D. Hewes, has entered upon a venture at this place that merits the most liberal public patronage. The building he occupies is divided into two departments, each 26x160 feet, one of which is devoted to collections of curiosities and the parlor stage, and the other, known as the auditorium, to musical and literary specialties and comedy, tragedy or drama, for which the characters are specially engaged, at high salaries. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 450, and there is standing room for 150 more. General admission is fixed at the minimum price of ten cents, while the same price additional entitles the spectator to a reserved seat in the auditorium, or half the sum to general admission. At these prices, and the high class of entertainments the proprietor is giving, the Capital Musee is attaining a remarkable popularity. The proprietor has been engaged in the theatrical business since 1874, and knows the demands of the public for entertainment. He makes it his business to cater to these demands, and his success proves his ability as a manager. He is now contemplating the establishment of a circuit of similar entertainment halls from Des Moines, Iowa, to Salt Lake, Utah. One of the most attractive features of the enterprise is the brass band, of eight pieces, and the orchestra, of seven pieces, uniformed and fully equipped, giving public benefits every day, and playing for the entertainments at the museum afternoons and evenings. This band is a complete success, and the citizens of Topeka have to thank Mr. Hewes

for this pleasant daily entertainment. Mr. Hewes will allow nothing but gentlemen and ladies about his establishment. He especially desires the attendance of ladies and children.

W. H. Wilson, Prescription Druggist, 414 East Fourth Street.—A reliable pharmacist is Mr. W. H. Wilson, who is a native of New York, and a resident of Kansas twelve years. He has been six years in business in Topeka, and has had his present establishment in operation two years. He has one of the neatest drug stores in the city, and employs a competent clerk, a registered pharmacist. Mr. Wilson has quite a war record. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 134th New York Inf., serving until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, in July, 1863; served in the Army of the Potomac till September, 1863, when he was transferred to the Southwest under Sherman, being present at Joe Johnston's surrender to that general. He was in the Grand Review at Washington, May 24, 1865. He was wounded in the leg severely at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863. He received his discharge at Ogden, N. Y., June 22, 1865.

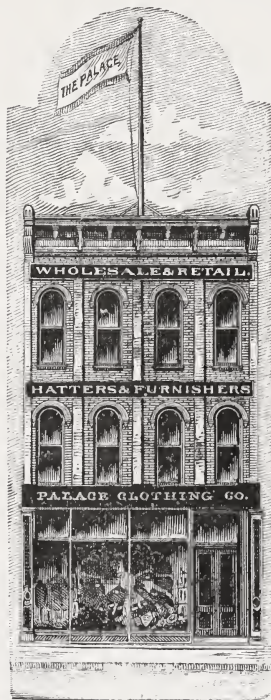
C. E. Pond's Private School of Business, 628 Kansas Avenue.—There is no man in the great State of Kansas deserves more recognition as an educator in the line of business training than Prof. C. E. Pond. He opened up the first business college in the State, at Leavenworth, in 1856. He has grown gray in the ranks, but he is as fresh and vigorous in imparting a knowledge of business methods as he was in the prime of youth. He has originated methods of instruction and business tables that greatly facilitate work. He has lately obviated the inconveniences in a large school, by securing nice rooms in the business part of the city, and receiving only a limited number of pupils who are determined to accomplish the most work in the shortest possible time.

Pond's School of Shorthand and Typewriting, Anna E. Canan, Principal; 628 and 630 Kansas Avenue.—This school affords to young men and women desirous of preparing themselves for business life, an opportunity to become proficient in these essentials—stenography and typewriting. Students can enter at any time and receive the special attention of an experienced teacher, who has prepared for the work by a thorough and expensive course of training in some of the best business institutions of the country. Competent pupils are assisted to positions with pleasure, as the enterprising principal thus makes the work of her pupil the advertisement for her school. A neat little catalogue, giving full information, has been issued, and will be sent to anyone who will address the principal.

"The Jeffersonian," W. H. T. Wakefield.—It is refreshing in these times of political prejudices and partisan bias, to find a newspaper that is independent of all ocracies and isms; free to follow the unhampered avenues of truth. Such a paper is the one under consideration, which bears the proud distinction of being the only Single-Tax paper issued west of Cincinnati.

It is a six-column quarto, of a good circulation, and is devoted to the interests of all classes who are desirous of bettering the condition of mankind. Editor Wakefield came to the State in 1854, and was the first man to put up a tent on the present site of Topeka. During the war he served in Co. F, 1st Kansas Inf.; Co. B, 12th Kansas Inf., and when the 11th and 12th regiments were consolidated, forming the 13th Kansas, he was made captain and afterwards lieutenant colonel. In 1881 he removed to Topeka and established his present business—that of editing and publishing the most advanced and progressive paper in the State.

Palace Clothing Company, 709 Kansas Avenue.—The name of the Palace Clothing



Company is more than one State. The house in Topeka was opened in '88, with H. A. Auerbach and H. A. Guettel as managers. They occupy elegant quarters requiring for their immense stock of clothing, hats, caps and gents' furnishings three floors and basement, of a building 25 x 100 feet. Seven experienced salemen are employed. Messrs. A. and G. are thoroughly versed in their calling, having been, prior to taking this house, for years with leading wholesale concerns in the same trade. Buying for so many stores the company procure their goods direct from manufacturers in large quantities,

and other can offer inducements in the way of low prices, not duplicated elsewhere.

H. T. Martin, Photographer.—The new Aristotype process in photography seems to be the coming one, and at the studio of Mr. Martin may be seen some of the finest samples of this process, in which the increased coloring seems to bring out the natural expression. A native of Indiana, Mr. M. followed the pursuits of boot and shoe dealer, harness and tanning, before he came into photography, fifteen years ago. He served four years in the war, in the 46th Indiana Inf., under Grant, Pope and others, while attached to the Army of the Mississippi.

The Reed-Martin Printing Company, Printers and Book Makers, Telephone 197; 831 Kansas Avenue.—A conspicuous firm in this city is the Reed-Martin Printing Com-

pany, of which G. F. Miller is the president; Geo. W. Reed, treasurer and general manager, and R. E. Martin, secretary and superintendent. This business dates back to 1876, but was incorporated under its present management in 1886. A force of from thirty to fifty is employed, and the spacious premises consist of three stories and basement. For seven years Geo. W. Reed was the publisher of the daily and weekly *State Journal*. During the war he was for nearly five years in the army, first in the 14th Maine Inf., and later in the 8th United States (Hancock's Corps), enlisting in 1861, and being mustered out in 1866. In '76 and '77 we find him representing the 4th Senatorial District of Illinois, (Chicago) in the Legislature. Mr. Reed is a member of over thirty secret societies. Although a native of Maine, he is a thorough Kansan, and is identified with many of her interests. Mr. Martin is a native of Kansas. They do most excellent work, while their prices are as low as those of any similar house this side of Chicago. The firm make a specialty of pamphlet and book work, but do all kinds of commercial printing, engraving, stereotyping and blank book making. *The Sunday Ledger*, literary, established 1886, Geo. W. Reed, editor and proprietor; published every Saturday evening; Geo. W. Reed, Jr., city editor. Terms to subscribers, postage free, per year, \$1. All remittances should be sent in post office money order, or registered letter, so as to provide as far as possible against loss by mail. Office, 831 Kansas Avenue.

Callaham & Ashton, Dentists, Northwest Corner Eighth and Kansas Avenue.—This partnership was formed four years ago by the coming of George P. Ashton, of Ohio, who was a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in the class of 1882. A. M. Callaham is a native of Indiana, and graduated from the Ohio Dental College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1874; he has practiced in this place for the past twenty-five years. Both these gentlemen are members of the State Dental Association. Dr. Callaham is a Mason, Knight Templar and K. of H., past grand high priest of the Chapter, deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State, past grand master of the Grand Council, and past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the State. Dr. Ashton belongs to the order of K. of P.

J. H. Leonard, Photographer.—For twenty years the subject of this sketch has been prosecuting his profession among the people of this community, and has established a reputation second to none. Mr. Leonard is a native of Indiana, and during the war served gallantly the Union cause in the 135th Indiana Inf., Co. C. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and member of No. 5 Commandery. To all desiring photographs, true to life, we would advise an early call upon J. H. Leonard, and, before it is too late, "Secure the shadow ere the substance fade."

St. James Hotel, S. S. Hughes, Proprietor.—A popular hotel among the commercial men and the traveling public is the St. James, located on Sixth Street, a few doors from Kansas

Avenue. It has thirty-five rooms; the dining-room can seat fifty. Ten attendants look after the wants of the guests. Bath-rooms and closets are convenient appendages of the house. The proprietor attends to the purveying of supplies. The office and ladies' parlor are located on the first floor; the building is three stories. Mr. Hughes is a native of Columbus, Ohio, but in his early youth his parents removed to the lead mines of Illinois, where he obtained a practical knowledge of mining. In the year 1860, he went West and engaged in mining in Colorado, where he had in his employ from fifty to one hundred and fifty miners digging for gold. In June, 1860, he and his party discovered what was afterwards known as the Burroughs lead, which proved very profitable, and in 1865 he sold out to Eastern parties, who still continue to develop the mine. He then returned to Quincy, Illinois, and remained there until 1884, when he came to Topeka. For quite a while he ran the Adams House at North Topeka, and the St. James, together, but lately he disposed of the former. Rates, \$1.50 a day.

Darling & Douglass, Printers, Stereotypers, Seal Engravers, Rubber and Steel Stamp Makers, Etc.; Corner Eighth and Kansas Avenues. — As a house possessing a large city and



outside trade, and enjoying an enviable reputation in trade and business circles, that of Darling & Douglass deserves special mention. The firm was organized in 1883, and changed to its present style May 16th, 1887. Both members of the firm have had a very large and varied experience in the practical part of the business. Their office and pressroom are located at the corner of Eighth and Kansas Avenues, where every facility is at hand for printing of every variety, a specialty being fine and artistic work. One important branch of their business, and one in which a large trade has been built up, is the engraving of seals and the making of rubber stamps, which are perfect in every respect; stencils, checks, badges, etc. Their work in this line is shipped all over the State and is universally acknowledged to be equal to the best. All orders are promptly filled at reasonable prices, and the most artistic and effective results are invariably attained. It may be said that no better house of the kind is to be found in the city, its proprietors being gentlemen well known for their honorable methods and fair dealing, and

the establishment itself being noted as a first-class concern of its kind. "Promptness, accuracy and fair prices," is the watchword of this firm, and the motto is lived up to even in the most minute particular.

Caleb Chivers, Pianos, Organs, Sewing Machines, Dyeing and Cleaning.—Mr. C. carries Hallett, Davis, Emerson, Kimball & Hale pianos, and Kimball organs, which have received honorable mention and medals at the exhibitions of the world. He is agent for the White Sewing Machine, and employs five traveling men. He learned the dye business with his father in Leavenworth, and in 1872 moved to Topeka. His trade in this line extends over Kansas, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, a tribute to enterprise and industry.

Topeka Furniture Consignment House.—J. M. Knight, the proprietor of the Topeka Furniture Consignment House, at 404 Kansas Avenue, although a resident of the State for four years, and in business in the city for two years, has, in that short time, risen rapidly among the live business men of Topeka. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Knight was for two years in business at Lincoln, Neb., and moved to Topeka in the spring of 1887. At the Shawnee County fair of 1889 he donated to the Fair Association an oak chamber set of three pieces, valued at \$50, to be presented to the couple who, on a certain day, should be married publicly on the fair grounds; a large crowd was the result, and gave Mr. Knight renewed celebrity. No concern in the city can fit out those desiring to go housekeeping at as low prices or with as great a range of selection as can be found at his warerooms.

Mrs. Park's Boarding House, 213 East Eighth Street.—Every city has some boarding houses which are a harbor of refuge. The Parks House, 213 and 215 East Eighth Street, is presided over by a lady who for nearly twenty years has been known to traveling men. It is located a block from the business portion of the city. For a dollar a day it is a good stopping-place, and, for over a week, special prices are made.

Central Barber Shop, H. C. Wilson, Proprietor, 700 Kansas Avenue, under Central Bank.—At this establishment we find a dozen of the best barbers of the country, directed by the one who employs them. The building of which Mr. Wilson occupies the basement is one of the most magnificent in the city. The parlors are furnished with every convenience known to the art; the workmen are all first class, and the bath-rooms are superior to any others. Opening on Seventh Street is the ladies' and children's department, in charge of competent lady artists, this department also offering the advantages of all kinds of baths.

Seymour Davis, Architect and Superintendent.—For the beautiful residences and business blocks that so much add to the attractiveness of Topeka the citizens are greatly indebted to the inventive genius of design of Seymour Davis. A native of Philadelphia, he early embraced his present career. In the four years since establishing his office in the city his

CAPITAL, \$300,000.SURPLUS, \$126,000.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

P. G. NOEL, PRESIDENT.

WM. SIMS, VICE PRESIDENT.

D. A. MOULTON, CASHIER.

WM. HENDERSON, ASS'T CASHIER.

skill and ability have become noted. The residences and buildings that are the creation of his brain are too numerous to mention. At his office, 527 Kansas Avenue, may be seen photographs and designs that have made him famous, and he is ever ready to make designs, superintend construction, and carry out the wishes of his patrons.

Topeka Business College and Institute of Shorthand and Penmanship.—This institution has been in existence for five years, and has met with the most pro-

not only comfortable, but they are provided with every modern convenience for the training and instruction that will enable the student to enter mercantile life prepared to transact any business. Students from this institution are already filling important positions over the country, and are successful in business enterprises. Prof. L. H. Strickler, the business manager of the College, takes an active interest in the welfare of every student, and makes it his business to see to it that the stay of students at the Topeka Business College is made both pleasant and profitable. Anyone contemplating a business, ste-

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nounced success. March 1st, the firm of Roudeshush Bros. was succeeded by the present managers, Strickler Bros., who come here from the National Business College at Kansas City, Mo., where they were previously engaged in the work. The faculty is now composed of Professors L. H. Strickler, M. H. Strickler, D. L. Hunt and L. W. Strickler, each of whom is thoroughly prepared for the special line of work he has assumed. A number of assistants and special teachers will be added to the corps at the beginning of the fall term in September. The new management has added a Penmanship Department to the usual regime of studies, and are exerting their utmost efforts in all departments, and already the school is superior in every respect. The school occupies the whole of the second floor of the Odd Fellows Building and two rooms of the third floor. The building is 40x120 feet, and the rooms of the College are

nographic or penmanship course can not, we are confident, do better than attend this institution, where one tuition certificate entitles you to the advantages of all departments. The business manager will be glad to furnish any further information upon application.

Schenck & McKeever, Attorneys at Law, 606 Kansas Avenue.

Hall & O'Donald Lithographing Co., Lithographers, Printers, Blank Book Manufacturers and Stationers.—This firm constitutes one of Topeka's proudest institutions, and is a meritorious example of Kansas prosperity and Kansas growth. Coming here from Indiana (where they were reared in the printing business and had been established ten years), these gentlemen selected the Capital City as a good location. They opened with a first-class plant in the fall

of 1887, employing fifteen hands. They almost at once stepped into a large business, and a year later we find them moving into their present building, which was built for their special use. It is an imposing four-story stone structure, 50x150 feet, of which they occupy nearly the entire space. Their plant is the most complete in the West, and is admirably arranged to facilitate and expedite operations. The machinery is driven by three electric motors. The house is lighted throughout by electricity, thus reducing the risk of fire to a minimum. The bindery plant is the most perfect, the firm's blank books standing before any others made in the country. Their engraving department is admirably arranged and is unusually favored as regards light, a most important factor in engraving. The business now necessitates the employment of from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five hands. The concern was recently incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. The Hall & O'Donald Lithographing Co., by living up to their agreements, by turning out the highest class of work, and by observing those minor attributes of successful business concerns, such as politeness, accommodation and good judgment, have gained a flattering share of the confidence of the people of the West, and have found the demand for their services far beyond their most sanguine expectations when they moved their worldly belongings to the Sunflower State. To meet this demand they have opened an office in Salt Lake City, and keep seven experienced men on the road, doing business in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and all Western States and Territories as far as Portland, Oregon.

Avery L. Emery, Office Block, Cornice Works, Galvanized Iron Ware, Wholesale Tinware, and Factory Tubs, Buckets, Coal Hods, Measures, Wash Boilers, Etc.—Within late years



a great demand has been created for the many uses to which galvanized iron may be put. In this line, no house is better known among contractors or builders throughout the State than that of A. L. Emery, whose factory has all necessary machines and employs a large number of hands. Estimates for any part of the State, for any kind of roof or cornice work, is furnished. A visit to this establishment will well repay any one interested, and he will be repaid by an acquaintance with its genial proprietor.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Inter-Ocean Mills.—Closely crowding St. Paul and Minneapolis, Topeka is a close second in milling honors, and who can now tell what the future may bring forth? The extensive plant of the Inter-Ocean Mills was established January 19th, 1879, and has ever since enjoyed an uninterrupted career of prosperity. With thirty employes, and an elevator capacity of one hundred thousand bushels of wheat, the mills are capable of turning out six hundred barrels of flour daily, which has a ready market at home, and an enviable reputation abroad. Both Messrs. Page and Norton, the former a native of Scotland, and the latter a native of Ohio, are men who thoroughly understand the business, and in mercantile circles are as prominent as are the products of their mills among the trade here and abroad.

The Butters Manufacturing Company.—Among the many industries identified with the prosperity of North Topeka, the Butters Manufacturing Company are prominent. Their wares have attained an almost national reputation. Their manufactory and warehouse are supplied with every interior arrangement for facilitating the manufacture of all kinds of pickles, vinegar, preserves, jellies, table luxuries, etc. Established in 1883, with headquarters at Denver, this firm have branch houses at different points, thereby lessening to their customers the expense of long-distance freights. Wm. Butters, the head of this concern, makes his headquarters at Denver. The works at this point are under the management of E. A. Prescott, who is a native of New Hampshire, and ably superintends the twelve employes who are engaged in the factory.

S. Ashmore, M. D., 424 Kansas Avenue.—But few men have the pleasure of remaining in one location for the period of thirty-one years. A graduate of the Cleveland, Ohio, Medical College, in the class of 1853, Dr. Ashmore has since been practicing here, and no one is so well known in the professional world of this community. During the war Dr. Ashmore was assistant surgeon of the 15th Kansas Cav., and saw much hard service in the camp and hospital. A Royal Arch Mason, the Doctor is as popular among his many friends. Belonging to the old school his practice is quite extensive, both in town and country, and he well represents the noble profession of which he is so distinguished a member.

Geo. Z. Clark & Co., Brass Moulders and Machinists.—A recent acquisition to the manufacturing interests of North Topeka is that of Messrs. Clark & Co. Their place is fitted with the latest machinery. This firm employs now twelve experienced brass finishers, which will soon be increased to a larger number. A leading feature in their line is the manufacture of Clark's Patent Lubricator and Injector throttle, which has received the unqualified endorsement of all who have used it. They make gauge cocks and brass goods, and do general repairing of machinery, brass work and castings. The presence of this branch of manufacturing in our city

supplies a long-felt want, and marks an era of future prosperity to its enterprising proprietors.

Green & Kale, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Provisions.—This firm have made themselves important factors in developing the grocery trade of this city, and their store is regarded as headquarters for all that is needed for hotel, family and restaurant supplies. The store has a large trade of regular customers, which requires the services of five competent salesmen. Mr. Green is a native of England, a Mason, and during the war served as first lieutenant in Co. C, 37th Wisconsin Inf. Mr. Kale was born in Ohio, and in the two years they have been together have won the respect of all.

Geo. W. Petro, Parlor Shoe Store.—To many of our readers the Parlor Shoe Store of Geo. W. Petro is a familiar place, not alone for its central location, and well-arranged stock, but for the unusually good quality of goods that are here for sale. Mr. Petro is agent for the Rockford Gents' Shoe, E. P. Reed & Co.'s, Rochester, N. Y., ladies' fine shoes, and Cowles Bro.'s celebrated child's and misses' shoes. Since starting, last September, Mr. Petro has taught the citizens that it costs no more to buy a first-class shoe than a cheap one. Mr. P. is from Indiana, and a member of the Masonic order.

George Rison, Osage City, Scranton, Leavenworth, Weir City, Anthracite, and Smithing Coal.—At 820 Kansas Avenue may be found the coal yard of George Rison, who for the past two years has been the coal king of North Topeka. For seven years this gentleman has been dealing in coal, and at his yards can always be found a large supply adapted for the home, manufactory and smithing purposes. A native of Ohio, a member of the A. O. U. W., Mr. R., as a business man and citizen, is equally well liked and respected by the community in which he lives.

J. N. Henry & Co., Hardware and Stoves, Tinware and Pumps, Farm Wagons, Implements and Fine Buggies, 439 Kansas Avenue, Telephone 22½.—A native of Amsterdam, N. Y., J. N. Henry, who is known through this community as being one of the city's progressive men, came to North Topeka in 1879, and established himself in business in 1883. Owing to the growth of the industry of which he is the proprietor, the services of three employes are necessary. Dealing in stoves, both heating and cooking; hardware, both shelf and builders; oil and gasoline stoves of the latest patterns—this store has become a leader in the class of goods that are to be found in warerooms of like nature. Plumbing, guttering and roofing also claim his attention, and work of all kinds is attended to, both in city and country. Mr. H. is a member of the following organizations: Masonic, Red Men, A. O. U. W. and P. O. S. A. and is as prominent in their meetings as he is in the city's business interests.

"The Topeka Mail."—On the 16th of March, 1875, the *Times*, under C. Maynard, made its first appearance to the people of North Topeka. In 1876, May 2, the *Times* was succeeded by the *Argus*, which lived up to October 10,

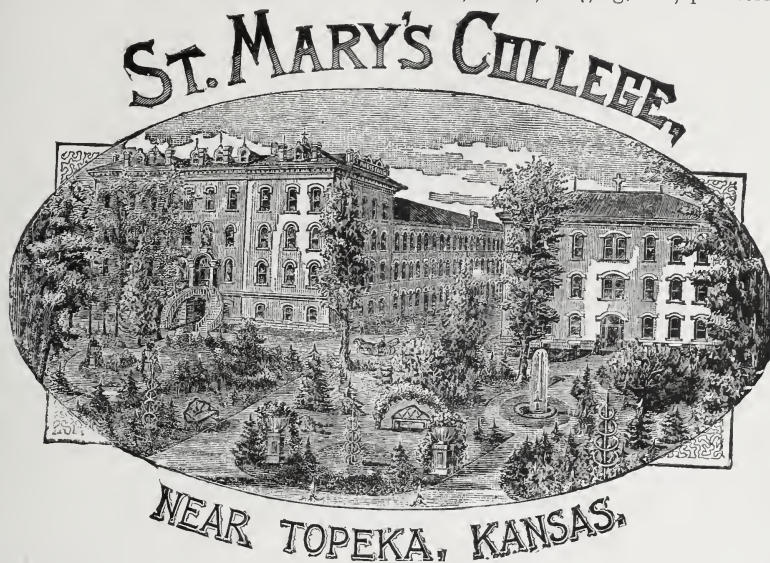
1879, when it was superseded by the *Perry Chief*, which became absorbed by the lusty and sturdy sheet now known as the *Topeka Mail*. Under F. A. Root & Sons, the *Mail* has steadily increased in public favor, until now it has a circulation of 2,750 copies. With two large presses, and a force of seven employes, the management are now contemplating the use of electricity in furnishing the power for their machinery. The members of the firm are all practical printers. F. A. Root was born in New York, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. Both his sons, Albert C. and George A., are natives of this State. Besides publishing the *Mail*, they are well equipped for doing all kinds of job printing as cheap as any concern in the State. The *Mail* is sent to subscribers once a week, for \$1 a year. If you want a progressive home paper send in your name.

White & Griffith, Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Pumps and Road Carts, 832 Kansas Avenue.—The nails, bolts, screws, tools, used in the building of our stores and homes; the stoves and utensils for heating and cooking, and the thousand and one articles that are in this day of inventions necessary to rich and poor alike—all these can only be found in such a place as that under the management of Messrs. White & Griffith, of this city. No complete stock can be found than has been brought within this store, which shows the knowledge the proprietors have of the wants of the people. In the four years this firm have been before the public they have largely increased their trade, and are exponents of the successful business men of our city.

St. Mary's College, of St. Mary's, Kansas, is an educational establishment known throughout the State and the entire West, being, from its large number of pupils, its magnificent proportions, and its complete independence from outside support, "a city within itself." We can but briefly touch in this short article on the leading points pertaining to this great educational establishment. St. Mary's College, conducted by Fathers of the Society of Jesus, was chartered by the State Legislature of Kansas, December 24, A. D. 1869, and empowered to confer degrees and academical honors in all the learned professions. It is situated on the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad, ninety miles west of Kansas City. This is the oldest institution of learning in Kansas, and, indeed, west of the Mississippi. It was commenced on its present site in 1848, before Kansas City was laid out or California settled, seven years before Kansas was proclaimed a Territory by the bill of Douglas. It took its name from the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, which was the first Cathedral of Bishop Miege, (1851-1855), and the first church of any size in Kansas. The college owns 1,800 acres of land around it. The general appointments include all the modern conveniences and utilities requisite for the advantageous management of an academy. The student enrolled last year were three hundred and fifty-one in number. The special object of the college is to develop all the mental and moral faculties of the students by means of a liberal

education, and not to train specialists. This is attained only through the discipline of the regular college course. The student who has successfully passed through the course is prepared to follow any avocation, or master any profession he may afterwards choose. The several classes are

ventuated. Among the recent improvements are a sanitarium, a steam laundry, a liberally-furnished gymnasium, and a natatorium. The recreation grounds are extensive and afford every facility for athletic and health-giving exercises. Tuition, board, lodging, etc., per term of five



graded to contain each a certain, definite amount of matter, on which no other class of the same course will trespass. The method followed in each class makes precepts, models, and practice correspond with each other. The buildings of the college are new; the class-rooms, study halls, dining-rooms and dormitories, spacious and well

months, \$100. Parties desirous of further information should write to the Rev. H. J. Votel, S. J., president, a gentleman eminently fitted for his responsible position, by reason of his peculiar and natural adaptation to the work, as well as his thorough education and long experience as an educator.

LAWRENCE.

This historic city has been called the "Athens" of Kansas, and, as an educational center, the name is not inappropriate. There is enough culture represented in her educational institutions and learned organizations to rival Alexandria in her palmiest days. The city was founded in 1854 by an immigration party organized at Boston, Massachusetts, and was named in honor of Amos Lawrence, who was one of the prime movers of the enterprise.

During the troublous times of Kansas history, Lawrence was the center of public interest and the scene of many events of historical interest. She was the center of the Free State forces and influence, and brought down upon her the despoilers of homes and enemies of Justice in the shape of "Border Ruffians," in 1856, and the Quantrell guerrillas in 1863.

Homes were destroyed, merchandise houses sacked and pioneers and patriots massacred at night with no opportunity for defense or arbitration.

It is a significant fact that Leocompton, once the nucleus of Pro-Slavery forces and the hot bed of lawless elements, is now the site of an

institution of learning bearing the proud name of General Lane, while Lawrence has flourished in the fertile ashes left by the despoiler.

LAWRENCE AS AN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

has but few equals and no superior. The many railroads that center here, makes it easy of access from all directions. No city in the West has so wide a reputation as an educational center as has the charming "Athens" of the Sunflower State. Its numerous schools, colleges, churches and literary societies, have given it a celebrity enjoyed by but few places anywhere in the great West.

Around these varied interests has gathered a population of refined, educated people whose influence and association are peculiarly favorable to the student's work. It would be difficult to find a place in which young men and women can pursue a course of studies under more favorable circumstances, with greater chances of success or with less expense. First among the attractions of the City of Lawrence, is the State University. Situated upon the lofty brow of Mount Oread it overlooks the city at its base.

the Kansas River winding around the Delaware bluffs, the timber-lined Wakarusa, and a line of hills beyond.

In 1859, April 11, an institution of learning bearing the name "The University of Lawrence" was opened in the City of Lawrence under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Board of Education contributed \$2,000 towards the erection of a college building. Contributions from citizens enabled the trustees to lay the foundation for the building on Mount Oread, now known as North College. Financial embarrassment compelled the suspension of work on the new building, and led to a new organization, under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A new charter was approved by the Legislature, for "Lawrence University of Kansas," January 9, 1861.

basement and the south lecture room of the first floor are devoted to the work in physics. The library, reading-room and law school occupy the entire first floor of the north wing, and on the same floor are the lecture rooms of English, and of history, politics and sociology. On the second floor are the lecture rooms of Latin, Greek, German, French and mathematics. Civil engineering, art and music are found on the third floor. Here also are rooms for two of the literary societies. The center of the building is occupied by the Regent's room, office, cloak rooms, and University Hall.

The Chemistry Building.—The chemistry building stands at a short distance southwest from the main building. It is constructed upon the most approved plans, and furnished with all needful appliances for instruction. It is in the



STATE UNIVERSITY AT LAWRENCE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

was located in the City of Lawrence, by formal act of the Legislature of the State, in 1864. It was endowed in part by Congress, in the setting apart and reservation for its use of seventy-two sections of the public land. The City of Lawrence also secured to the State forty acres of land for a campus, and all rights and interests in Lawrence University. Thus the University of Kansas has an intimate historical association with the University of Lawrence, one of the earliest, if not the earliest, of the educational enterprises in the State.

The main building is 246 feet in extreme length, 98 feet wide in center; wings 62 feet each. There are fifty-four rooms in this building, of which one, the main audience room, is 94 feet long and 56 feet wide. It has a seating capacity of about 1,200. There are also in main building eighteen lecture rooms, each large enough to accommodate classes of seventy-five to eighty students. The south rooms of the

form of a "T," the main building, extending east and west, being 80x35 feet, and the "L," north of this, 40 feet square. The main laboratory and lecture room are finished to the rafters, and all the rooms on the main floor are provided with additional light and abundant ventilation by skylights. The ground floor rooms are twelve feet in the clear and well lighted. These are occupied by an assay room, with crucibles and muffle furnaces, and complete apparatus for the fire assay of ores, and also by laboratories for blow-pipe work.

The east room of the ground floor has been fitted and furnished as a laboratory for the school of pharmacy. This school shares with that of chemistry the lecture room and other facilities offered for such studies in a well-equipped chemical building.

The east wing of the main floor, which is fourteen feet to the eaves, is occupied as a lecture room, seated in amphitheater style, and capable of accommodating 100 students. In ad-

dition to the usual ventilating apparatus, the plan includes flues in the wall, connected with hoods, and hoods in the center of the main laboratory, which are ventilated by glazed pipes, terminating above the roof.

Snow Hall of Natural History.—Snow Hall is 110x100 feet, is provided with ample basement almost entirely above ground, two stories 16 and 16 feet respectively, and an attic of 12 feet. Its museums are designed to make a complete exhibit of the various cabinets in zoology, geology, and botany, and its laboratories are so related to the various cabinets as to secure the utmost convenience. The lecture room, extending through the basement and first story, and arranged in amphitheater style, will accommodate 200 students. This building, finished and furnished with the best appliances for investigation and instruction in natural history, adds materially to the educational advantages offered by the University.

The cabinet collection consists in part of over one hundred and fifty thousand specimens, collected from the field of botany, zoology and geology, making a most satisfactory representation of the plants, insects, birds, minerals and fossils of the whole of North America. The herbarium includes over four thousand species of plants, well protected and systematically arranged for convenient examination. The entomological collection contains over ten thousand species, representing all of the different orders of insects. The ornithological cabinet contains over one thousand five hundred specimens of birds belonging to five hundred different species.

Library.—The University library contains 11,722 volumes, besides a large number of unbound pamphlets. New books are purchased from time to time, adding to its growing usefulness and efficiency. The rooms now occupied are furnished with desks, tables, and other conveniences, and are open daily during term-time from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. for the use of all officers and students of the University.

Papers.—The *University Review*, a monthly magazine, and two weekly papers, the *University Courier*, and the *University Kansan*, each self-sustaining, are edited and published by associations of students.

Societies.—Three literary societies, a German society, a Science club, a Philological club, a Pharmaceutical club, and the Seminary of History and Political Science, are regularly organized and maintained by the students. A large number of standard periodicals, furnished by these clubs, are placed in the University reading-room for the use of all students.

Expenses.—A year may be spent at the University very comfortably for \$175, as follows:

Board, forty weeks, at \$2.25.....	\$90 00
Room rent, forty weeks, at \$1.....	40 00
Fuel and lights.....	10 00
Washing and incidentals.....	20 00
Books.....	15 00
Total.....	\$175 00

Those who can supply the furniture for rooms and the provisions for the table from home, can rent small houses, or parts of houses, and thus board for very little cost in money.

Faculty.—The members of the faculty are specialists, each in his particular line of work,

and a better handled institution cannot be found in the United States. Space will not admit of individual mention, but such men as Professor Canfield and Snow are known everywhere as educators of national reputation.

The people of Lawrence are justly proud of the great institution of learning that the Kansas Legislature has located in their midst.

THE LAWRENCE BUSINESS COLLEGE

ranks second in educational importance, and is doing a good work in fitting students for the practical duties of life. It is mentioned more fully on another page of this book.

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

are in splendid condition under the superintendency of Prof. N. B. Bartlett, who, for many years officiated as president of Lane University, at Leocompton. There are eighty-four country districts employing ninety-three teachers, twenty per cent of which are of first grade. The school houses are in good condition as to repair, comfort, ventilation and apparatus, and the work accomplished is entirely satisfactory.

In addition to the educational facilities already mentioned, Douglas County contains Baker University, located at Baldwin, and a promising academy at Hesper.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LAWRENCE.

The public schools of Lawrence rank in quantity and quality of work done with any in the State. They were never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. There are nine school buildings, employing thirty-three teachers. The schools have an enrollment of 2,270 pupils, with an average attendance of 1,728. The course of study is adapted to leaving the pupil ready for entrance into the collegiate department of the State University. Since 1874 269 graduates have gone from the city schools, many of whom have continued their education in higher institutions. Since Mr. Stanley assumed supervision, in 1880, 221 pupils have completed the course of study.

In 1889, 42 graduates were turned out from the public schools, the largest class, perhaps, in the State of Kansas. The record of attendance reflects great credit upon the methods of management inaugurated by Mr. Stanley. In 1889 there were 156 pupils who were neither absent nor tardy for the year; this is certainly an excellent showing; not only this, but two pupils were neither absent nor tardy for the period of nine years; four, for seven years; six, for six years; which seems almost incredible to those teachers who are struggling with the solution of the great problem of attendance.

THE CITY LIBRARY,

Mrs. Mary F. Simpson, Librarian.—In 1868 a few of enterprising individuals began the nucleus the library by individual contributions. The aggregation has constantly increased from that time to the present, and is now composed of about three thousand bound volumes. It is now existing under city charter, and is maintained by city organization. About a dozen periodical magazines and an equal number of daily and weekly newspapers find their way to the tables of the library. It is located in pleasant quarters

on the first floor of the Lawrence National Bank Building, in a room 50x60 feet, conveniently arranged with shelving, for the accommodation of the extensive stock of books. The library is consulted by over one hundred persons daily, and from seventy-five to eighty books are taken out by members under the rules of the organization.

Lawrence has five newspapers, three of which are dailies. The daily and weekly *Journal*, edited and published by Col. O. E. Learnard, is the oldest paper in Douglas County by over twenty years. The morning edition from the *Journal* plant is called *The Lawrence Daily Journal*, and the evening edition is called *The Evening Tribune*. The weekly edition is called *The Journal-Tribune*, in which both papers are merged. The weekly *Gazette* is the Democratic organ, edited and managed by Frank L. Webster, who expounds the true principles of his party. The daily and weekly *Record* is a late venture, edited by Col. H. M. Greene, and is rapidly taking precedence by its fearless and outspoken condemnation of wrong.

The Bowersock Opera House and ten other halls of public nature, afford recreation to the amusement-loving public.

There are thirty-one lodges of secret orders, eleven literary organizations, and nine brass bands and orchestras. Twenty-two fine church edifices furnish a meeting place for seven denominations of religious worshippers. There are three national banks and one private. The Watkins National is one of the best institutions, and occupies one of the most magnificent buildings in the West. Three flouring mills have a capacity of about one thousand barrels per day. One canning factory is doing a large business, and the shirt factory employs from forty to one hundred people, and does a business over a large portion of the West. The iron works are prepared to furnish anything from a rivet to a steam boiler, and the barb wire factory turns out the best barb wire in the West, and employs thirty to forty men. The chemical works have a great capacity, and do an enormous business. The paper mill turns out eight tons per day.

The Kansas River at this point is crossed by a dam which spreads the river into a beautiful lake, and it furnishes water power for numerous mills and factories. It also makes one of the most delightful places in the State for boating, bathing and skating. Two boat houses have been erected, and a fine line of sail and row boats are kept for the use of the public.

Another attractive feature of Lawrence is Bismarck Grove, one of the grandest natural parks in the country. Art has added to its beauties, and now there are three beautiful lakes in it fed by water works, on which are kept several row boats for the use of the visitor. Bismarck has become famous for its fine herd of buffalo and deer, and hundreds of people visit the park to see the last remnant of the "Monarch of the Plains."

The United States Indian School, better known as the Haskell Institute, is located just outside the city limits. There are four very large buildings constructed so as to form a half circle, and here are being educated some four hundred Indian girls and boys from about forty different

tribes. It is an industrial school, and all must work at some trade a half day and go to school the other half. The boys are uniformed and the six companies form the Haskell Institute Battalion, which, headed by their band of Indian boys, makes an imposing appearance. Many visitors go out to the school to witness their weekly drills.

The general business of the city is beyond reproach, and the present with the future outlook is cheering in the highest degree.

The rare advantages offered to manufacturers by the almost unlimited water power; the numerous railroads, directly connecting it with all points of the country; the facilities for securing either a classical or commercial education—all combine in bringing hundreds and hundreds to the city.

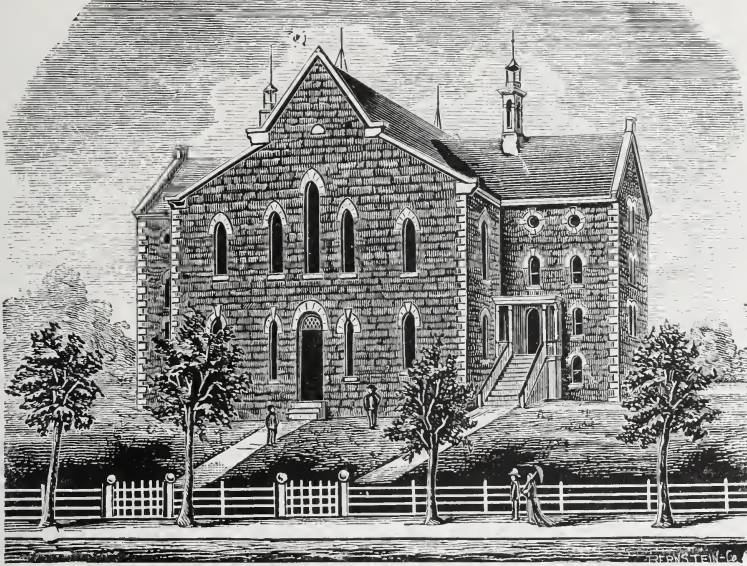
Taking everything into consideration, Lawrence, without a doubt, offers more and greater inducements to persons seeking a home, or to students contemplating a course in college, than any other city in the West.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LAWRENCE.

The Western Farm Mortgage Trust Company, Lawrence, Kansas.—The West has always been a fertile field for the investment of Eastern capital, affording unquestioned security and a better rate of interest than money would command in the Eastern markets. In the case of the above company, however, the organization is the result of Western enterprise, with Western men, and the aggregation of Western capital. The company has met with so much success that it has enlarged the field of its operations and located a branch office at Denver. The institution has a large business established over Kansas and several other of the interior States, and is recognized as one of the most substantial mortgage loan companies operating in the United States. The capital stock of the company is \$3,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 is paid up. It loans 6 per cent money on guaranteed mortgages and gold debentures, and has already invested not less than \$10,000,000, amply secured by mortgages, stocks and bonds. Lawrence is indeed fortunate in being the location of such a heavy enterprise. Mr. G. W. E. Griffith, the vice president and general manager, and one of the moving spirits of the enterprise, is known as one of the financial men of the West, being identified with several institutions, among which the Merchants National Bank of this place, with a capital of \$100,000, stands prominent. He is president of the bank, and divides his time between these two financial institutions, displaying remarkable powers of organization and management. He is also president of the Seattle National Bank, of Seattle, Washington, with a capital stock of \$250,000, and is interested in several other banking enterprises in the Northwest. His name carries weight in financial circles, and no man is more honored and respected by the people of Lawrence, and of Douglas County. The buildings occupied by these institutions are models of ar-

chitectural beauty, and finished elaborately, with due regard to convenience in the transaction of business. The various officials are courteous, and the people generally who have business with them express themselves as satisfied with the treatment they have received. Lawrence is not only a city of universities, but of banks and bankers as well, and her commercial development is the result of such institutions of wealth as the above.

son is a native of New Hampshire; he came to Lawrence in 1857, and took a claim in Douglas County, where he resided until 1863, when he received the appointment of United States Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, and removed to Lawrence, continuing in this until 1870. He took part in the defense of the town during Quantrell's raid, and was elected mayor in 1873; he served as county commissioner for eight years. Mr. Whitman is a native of Massa-



FRIEND'S CHURCH, LAWRENCE.

Gleason & Whitman, Real Estate and Loan Agents.—Real estate is not only the basis of all wealth, but at the present time it is the best investment for surplus capital. Lawrence has never experienced what is known as a boom; consequently its growth has been steady and permanent, with no flights and no retrogressions. The same men who came here when the country was a wilderness have staid with the town and are here yet. They had confidence in the place, and the result shows the wisdom of their judgment. All things considered, there is no place in the State where investments in real estate will pay better profits with certainty than Lawrence. There are no fluctuations in the markets, and no inflation of values. One of the most reliable real estate firms in the city is that of Gleason & Whitman, located on the corner of the Eldridge House Block. Mr. Gleason is one of the most respected citizens of the county. He served as Deputy United States Assessor, county commissioner, and mayor of the city. He is a suburban property owner, and controls some of the best property for profitable investment in the city. Mr. Whitman is also a Kansas pioneer. He has a large personal acquaintance and enduring friendships. The firm represents four of the best insurance companies of the world, and loans money for the Connecticut Mutual Loan Company, besides private funds. The firm was established in 1879 as Noyes & Gleason, which was succeeded, in 1883, by the present. Mr. Gleason

is a native of New Hampshire; he came to Lawrence in 1857, and took a claim in Douglas County, where he resided until 1863, when he received the appointment of United States Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, and removed to Lawrence, continuing in this until 1870. He took part in the defense of the town during Quantrell's raid, and was elected mayor in 1873; he served as county commissioner for eight years. Mr. Whitman is a native of Massachusetts, who came to Kansas in 1858, settling on a farm near Lawrence. From 1863 to 1868 he was chief clerk for his father, Capt. E. B. Whitman, who was assistant quartermaster of the Army of the Ohio and Army of Tennessee. From 1868 to 1872 he was bookkeeper for a wholesale house in Louisville, Ky.; he was next manager of the Louisville Lithograph Company until 1877, when he was appointed special agent for the Traveler's Insurance Company of Hartford, Ct., with jurisdiction over ten of the Southern States. In 1883 he resigned his position and came back to Lawrence.

W. H. Pendleton, Wholesale Dealer in Produce.—Mr. Pendleton ranks as the first produce merchant of the city, operating over a large extent of territory surrounding Lawrence. He handles butter, eggs, poultry, potatoes and fruits of every description, at wholesale, in car-load or job lots. His office is at 736 Massachusetts Street, and his packing house at 737 and 739 New Hampshire Street. He supplies surrounding merchants with the freshest and best produce at the lowest market price, and can make it an object to dealers in car-load lots. Situated in the commercial center of the richest agricultural section of the country, he is prepared to make prices that will distance less fortunate competitors. He is an honorable and competent business man. By furnishing a home market for country produce, he has proven a

blessing to the farmers who accord him their entire confidence. Mr. Pendleton is a native of Virginia and began his career in a grain commission house in Maryland, in 1886. In 1879 he settled at Lawrence, and assumed the present business, which was established in 1866, by Theodore Pöhler. During the busy season he requires the services of a great many men. His warehouse is a three-story stone building, 25x117, every part of which is used in by him.

G. R. Gould, Farm Implements and Hardware.—Mr. Gould is an old resident of Kansas and one of its best known citizens, having been



engaged in his present business twenty-two years. He carries a fifteen thousand dollar stock, and requires the assistance of four employés. His storeroom is 50x117 feet, two stories high. The warehouse, 40x117 feet, is devoted to threshing machines and fixings. He carries the largest stock in the county of farming implements, hardware, buggies and phaetons, and a full line of repairs. He is transfer agent for the celebrated engines and threshers of J. I. Case & Co., and at no place in the city can as satisfactory stock be found. Mr. Gould ranks with the first business men of Lawrence. He is the soul of honor, and commands the esteem of everyone who knows him. The public estimation in which he is held is best attested by the fact that he was called to the position of city treasurer. Mr. Gould was born in Wisconsin, and when grown followed the occupation of a farmer until 1862, when he enlisted in the 13th Wisconsin Inf. He was made veteran in 1864, and was mustered out of the service at the close of the war in 1865. The next year he came to Lawrence and engaged in his present enterprise. Taking an active interest in the cause of education, and the welfare of the city in general, he has served as a member of the school-board and of the city council.

James Brooks, Register of Deeds.—Mr. James Brooks has entered upon his second term of office, and is one of the most satisfactory officials in every respect that has ever held office in Douglas County. With but few chances in early

life, he has built himself up by sheer force of merit, to his present position. Previous to his election he was engaged in business at Clinton, Kas., as a blacksmith and wagon maker, an humble but useful calling. In his home township he served as trustee and assessor seven years, and the people of his acquaintance have unbounded confidence in his faithfulness. During the late war he served last in Co. M, 6th Kansas Cav., and came out at the end of nearly four years' service with a record for gallantry not excelled by any. He is kind and obliging with the public, careful with the records, and attentive in his duties. He employs assistants who are thoroughly business-like, with a knowledge of the records acquired by long experience. Mr. Brooks gives perfect satisfaction to the public, and was elected to his second term without opposition.

M. D. Greenlee, County Clerk.—There is a no more competent official holding office in the State than Mr. Greenlee. He is now serving the second term, having been elected first on the Republican ticket, and at the last election, owing to disreputable political machinations on the part of an unpopular element, he did not get the nomination, and was persuaded by the best people of the county to make the race independently. He went in by a nice majority, which attests the popularity in which he is held, not only as an official, but as a man of nerve, with an indomitable will that will not be swerved from duty by any disreputable element, however strong in numbers or influence. He was agent for the A. T. & S. F. R. R. at Eudora, from 1872 to 1878; was bookkeeper and assistant post master at Eudora from 1878 to 1884, and then became deputy clerk. He is active in the promotion of the interests of the county, and commands the admiration and confidence of the best people. He has an efficient deputy in the person of Mr. F. D. Brooks.

Kansas Seed House, F. Barteldes & Co.—In 1848 Mr. F. Barteldes landed in this country from Germany. In 1857 he landed in Lawrence, and founded the present institution on a capital of five dollars; it prospered until 1863, when the plant was destroyed in Quantrell's raid. Nothing daunted, he began again, and today the products of the Barteldes plant are grown over the civilized world. Messrs. F. W. Barteldes and Max Wilhelmi, the present proprietors, came to America in 1874, and since the death of the founder have continued the business with zeal and activity. The seeds of this house are grown on farms all over the Union, and are adapted to any climate, finding a market, on this continent and in the old world. Four salesmen are kept on the road, while from fifteen to twenty employés are busy at the house mailing and shipping seed. A branch house has been established at Denver, employing ten men. The business of the firm amounted to a quarter of a million last year. The offices are 25x115 feet, two story. Seeds are kept in a warehouse 100x117 feet, two stories and a basement. They now have on hand \$75,000 stock, which is entirely sold during the planting season. There is nothing grown in the vast field of plant life but what can be obtained from the firm of F. Bar-

teldes & Co. They do nothing but a cash business, and test their seeds before any are put upon the market.

L. H. Corse, Real Estate, Exchange and Collections.—Lawrence's growth has been permanent; she has had no boom, suffered no reactions. She is the center of one of the richest agricultural sections on the globe, and she is a moneyed center. These considerations led Mr. Corse to locate here and establish a real estate business, after looking the State over for a suitable location. Mr. Corse was one of the prominent citizens of Larned, and resigned the office of county treasurer when he came here to locate. He sheltered himself in a neat office in the Merchants National Bank Building, and at once launched into business. Mr. Corse is most competent, and is prepared to buy, sell and exchange real estate, live stock and general merchandise; furnish abstracts, make collections, draw legal papers of all kinds, and do a like business of every character with accuracy and dispatch. He has met with pronounced success in effecting heavy exchanges of property in Lawrence, and makes a specialty of large deals. He will be pleased to enter into correspondence with any one having business in his line that they want to entrust with a safe business man.

Geo. R. Shane, Photographer, 615 Massachusetts Street.—A first-class photographer has a life lease on prosperity. Next to the corporal presence of a dear friend, parent, or relative of any kind, is a good likeness; and the man who can make those with the greatest precision, comes about as near to being a public benefactor as any other. He awakens tender memories and pleasing reflections, the greatest sentiments and most tender emotions of the human soul. In these times when the art is reduced to such a state of perfection, and the work is done so cheaply, photographers are well patronized. George R. Shane, judging from his work, the public patronage that he is receiving, is one of the best in the State. His parlors are models of neatness, nicely fitted with every convenience. His establishment is complete in every detail, with the latest devices for perfecting the art, along with most experienced workmen. His prices are the most reasonable, and he is doing a very large business. All work he turns out is second to none in natural execution and finish.

Hon. Sheldon C. Russell, Lawyer.—Was born in Wayne County, Pa., in 1832. When he became of age he attended the academy at Coudersport, Pa., where he studied law. In 1856 he located in Kansas, and served through the border troubles. He participated at the burning of the rebel fort, where three dozen rebels were captured, together with the old cannon "Sacramento," which was brought from Mexico by Colonel Doniphan. In 1861, he enlisted in the 8th Kansas as first lieutenant and adjutant, and served in the Army of the Cumberland until the latter part of 1862, when, after receiving a commission as major of the 13th Kansas from Governor Robinson, he resigned his former commission and returned to Lawrence. He never served, however, as major, for the place was filled by the Secre-

tary of War before he arrived at Lawrence. He was present at the Quantrell Raid, in 1863, in which he narrowly escaped with his life from his home which the rebels had burned. He pursued his law studies in Lawrence, and was admitted to the bar in 1859; since that date he has continued in the practice of his profession. A practice of over thirty years has placed Mr. Russell in the front rank. His opinions upon legal questions are received with favor by judicial tribunals. He has no ambition beyond the law, believing there is no calling more honorable and dignified.

E. F. Goodrich, Shipper of Produce and Fruits.—In 1869 Mr. Goodrich established at this place a shipping industry that stands to-day one of the most prominent in this State. During the busy season, when produce, fruits, vegetables, butter, eggs, etc., are marketable, Mr. Goodrich keeps from five to ten men employed, shipping from here and from Salina, where he has a branch house. Owing to the location of Lawrence, in the richest agricultural section of the United States, he is enabled to supply the markets north, west and south with produce at low prices. He is post master on a salary of \$2,700. This office is one of the best in the State, for which there are many contestants; and the fact of the selection of Mr. Goodrich is the best testimonial of his honor and integrity, and executive ability, a compliment he fully appreciates.

C. W. Smith, Furniture and Undertaker.—When Mr. C. W. Smith came to Lawrence, thirty-five years ago, there was but one log cabin on the banks of the Kaw here. He has witnessed the historic events that have passed in the evolution of Kansas from a desert to a paradise, and has shared the privations of a pioneer as well as the prosperity of the State. He has been twenty-six years in business at one location. His business is located in a two-story brick, 50x100, both floors and basement being used in the distribution of a stock larger than all the kindred firms of the city combined. In the rear of his establishment are four buildings he uses as warehouses, stables, etc., where keeps stock stored and his horses and hearses. He keeps four employés, two hearses and a stock ranging from eighteen to twenty thousand dollars in value. Mr. Smith is the oldest and heaviest furniture dealer in Lawrence. He was born in Ohio; in early life he went to New York, where he learned the trade of a carpenter in 1846. In 1850 he was in manufacturing at Lowell, Massachusetts, which he continued till 1854, when he landed on the present site of Lawrence, and participated in the organization of the first town company. He was always of Free State sentiments, and belonged to organizations of that character. He served many years on the city council, and no man has taken a more active interest in Lawrence than he.

W. M. Culbertson, Southwestern Agent Keith & Perry Coal Company.—The Keith & Perry Coal Company of Kansas City is the largest and most reliable company of the kind operating west of the Mississippi River. Mr. W. M. Culbertson is located in a neat office in the Mer-

chants National Bank building. For fifteen years he has represented the K. & P. Co., through the changes they have undergone. He has lived in Lawrence for eighteen years, and has a large acquaintance. He supplies between fifty and sixty surrounding towns with coal, in car-load lots, for domestic, steam and mill purposes, and besides he does a retail business in Lawrence. He handles hard and soft coal, Piedmont smithing coal, and ships Kaw River sand. He is a large-hearted gentleman with strong personal friendships. He is a native of Ohio; engaged in farming in 1856, in which he continued until 1862, when he took a position in the post quartermaster's department of the army in Nash-

large patronage, not only in Lawrence, but from many surrounding towns. His studio is provided with all apparatus for first-class work.

J. S. Boughton, Printer and Publisher.—Mr. Boughton located in Lawrence in 1865. By strict attention to details and honorable dealing with the public he has established a successful business. His trade is not confined to Lawrence, but extends all over the State. His office is completely equipped with everything necessary to attain the result for which it was established, and his stock is ample. He requires from six to twelve employes to keep pace with his orders. He manufactures all kinds of legal blanks and



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LAWRENCE.

ville, Tennessee. At the close of the war he entered the coal business in Ohio, continuing until 1872, when he came to Kansas and established his present business at Lawrence, which now employs from ten to twenty men, and amounts to from 1,500 to 2,000 cars of coal and sand per annum.

F. F. Mettner, Photo. Artist.—Mr. Mettner is a native of Prussia, who entered an academy of fine arts in 1860, as a student of drawing and painting. He made rapid progress, and to increase his advantages went to Paris in 1865, and entered one of the best studios of that place. He afterwards finished his studies at prominent art emporiums in Vienna and Berlin. In 1867 he opened a gallery in Paris. He served through the Franco-German War, and emigrated to the United States in 1876, locating at Cincinnati, Kansas City, and at Lawrence in 1879. He makes a specialty of landscape and portrait painting, and the character of his work is pronounced superior in every respect. He attended the exhibits of the photographic work at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, in 1876, and made a close study of them. He has no superior as a photo., crayon, or landscape artist and painter in the State of Kansas. He has a

blank books for the use of bankers, justices, loan agents, real estate agents, notaries, attorneys, county, school district, city and township officers. He has been established fifteen years, and is on a substantial basis, with increased facilities, and a great variety of the most convenient forms of blanks and blank books. He has issued a neat catalogue of his different publications giving full information about every kind of blank and book used in the transaction of any business. He also publishes maps of Kansas, either in sheets or pocket form, and furnishes steel and rubber stamps of every description. He will take pleasure in supplying professional men and commercial organizations with work of any kind, and will send catalogue with full information upon application.

Smith's News Depot.—The popular news depot of Lawrence, most complete in all of its apartments, is that owned and operated by J. D. Smith. He occupies a room in the Eldridge House Block. He carries a heavy stock of periodical literature, and keeps supplied with every newspaper that finds a market in the interior of the country; he also carries a full line of all kinds of sporting goods, and the finest line of imported and domestic cigars and

smokers' articles to be found in the city. His place is flocked all day long with customers, for whom he always has a pleasant word. He keeps a valuable assistant in the person of his son-in-law, John R. Sanborn, and it would be hard to find two gentlemen more accommodating. Mr. Smith was born in Orleans County, N. Y., in 1830, and after receiving his education followed the occupation of a bookkeeper for many years. He has been uniformly successful in his business, and is one of the most desirable citizens of Douglas County.

The Daily and Weekly "Record."—The *Record* is regarded as the best paper in Douglas County. In 1889, the Record Publishing Company was established and incorporated, with E. E. Pierson, president; E. L. Ackley, secretary; Col. H. M. Greene, editor; E. Martindale, manager. It has already a daily circulation of one thousand, and a weekly circulation of eight hundred copies. The establishment represents a capital of \$5,000, is well fitted with the most modern machinery, and requires the services of thirteen employes; in politics the paper is Independent Republican. It is tied to no ring, clique, or organization of any character, and is free to give public news and unbiased editorials upon all questions. H. M. Greene, editor of this prosperous sheet, is an old Kansan, who came to Osage County in 1857, and settled on a Government claim. He followed farming, was elected to the State Senate in 1876, and was lately Superintendent of the Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children of Kansas. He is a native of Connecticut, and during the war was lieutenant-colonel of the 2d Reg't, Kansas State Militia; he was for some time Presbyterian minister; he holds membership with fraternity organizations, bringing his precepts into practice with his fellow men. He is a well-informed gentleman, concise and logical writer, and altogether suited to the work of moulding popular opinions, and enhancing the spread of modern intelligence. Mr. Martindale, the business manager, is one of the most accommodating and gentlemanly of young men. His service in behalf of the paper is best evidenced by its prosperity, far beyond the expectations of its founders and stockholders.

W. A. Marshall, Eldridge House Livery Stable.—One of the finest livery stables in Kansas is that which adjoins the Eldridge House on the west, in the City of Lawrence. It is a substantial structure of red brick, 50x117 feet, with equipments complete in every detail. The horses are first class, and their buggies and carriages unsurpassed. Mr. Marshall is said to do the largest share of the business in his line at this place. Traveling men will find the location of the stable convenient to the best hotel, and that any business transacted with Mr. Marshall will be found perfectly satisfactory.

Ross & Smedley, Electro-Magnetic Healing.—After centuries of study and experiments in electrical science, we are still unable to explain satisfactorily to the senses some of the simplest manifestations of the phenomenon we call electricity. Whether heat, light, magnetism, mesmerism, hypnotism, and numerous forces of like character, are all manifestations of the

same mysterious force, is a question for the philosophy of the future. This age has been unable to solve many of the simplest questions, and for the purpose of these pages we are content to take matters as they exist, and treat them as a matter of fact question should be treated. Everyone whose acquaintance is not circumscribed by the contours of the city limits, has heard of healers of human ailments who used no drugs and practiced no mysterious incantations, but conquered ills by utilizing natural forces inherent in their organizations. It may be that there is a natural remedy for every disease, without recourse to the laboratory of the chemist. Certain it is, that some men, who have no knowledge of *materia medica*, have effected remarkable cures. One of these men, who inheres great power over the organizations of others, is the electric and magnetic healer of Lawrence, Mr. S. S. Smedley. Mr. Smedley has been here but one year, but during that time he has effected some remarkable cures in cases that defied the best medical talent of the country. Mr. Smedley refrains from boasting of his power, but his patients do not hesitate in their expression of gratitude for cures effected. He diagnoses all cases without the customary objectionable examination, and if he cannot cure, he frankly says so in unmistakable terms. If he can cure, he says as much, and he never fails to keep his word. He recognizes the fact, that at the outset of his career his reputation is more valuable than the income from his practice, and he undertakes no cases that he cannot cure. He uses no medicine and no instruments—he simply awakens dormant powers, quickens latent energies, electrifies paralysed nerves and lets nature recuperate. After all, that is the only sensible way to cure disease. Disease is abnormal—a deformity resulting from heredity or indiscretion, and is cured through a reversal of the process by which it was generated. Mr. Smedley has had remarkable success in all female troubles, and as a matter of fact, they are easily cured by one who knows how. He numbers among his patients many in high station socially, intellectually and financially, who have concluded that they had better cease utilizing themselves as walking apothecary shops and take natural treatment. Mr. Smedley has wisely associated with him as manager, Mr. J. P. Ross, who has lived in Lawrence for thirty-five years, and known all over the country as a first-class business man, a thorough gentleman and a royal good fellow. Not only this, but he is thoroughly posted on the operations of the "subtle fluid," and can dilate with perfect familiarity upon that most abstruse of questions. For fifteen years he was the Union Pacific and Santa Fé agent here. He entered into his connection with Mr. Smedley because he is honest and sincere in his convictions that his process is the only good one to cure disease. They give medicated baths, and the ladies' department of the bath is in the efficient hands of Mrs. Smedley. The offices, under the Lawrence National Bank, are the largest and finest in the city, and are arranged with every convenience for comfort and treatment.

O'Hern & Woodruff, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—No firm that has lately embarked

in business is more popular than that of O'Hern & Woodruff. Mr. O'Hern has been in Lawrence for twenty-one years, while Mr. Woodruff reckons his period of residence at twenty-seven years. Both are young men who have grown up here, and an extensive acquaintance has opened up for them a promising trade. They carry a neat \$2,000 grocery stock, give their personal attention to the business, and keep one employé delivering goods to city customers. Both gentlemen were engaged in the mail service previous to entering their present business, one as carrier and the other as assistant post master. They are thorough gentlemen, and enjoy the fullest confidence of all.

George Leis Drug Company.—Was established in 1863, and incorporated 1888, with unsurpassed facilities for wholesale and manu-



facturing. The directory consists of: President, Geo. Leis; vice president, I. O. Holloway; A. G. Ellison, secretary and treasurer; Charles B. Spencer, assistant secretary. They occupy a three-story corner building, 25x90, and employ four prescription clerks, graduates in pharmacy, in the retail department. The chemical laboratory is a four-story brick, 50x90, all in use. They do a large business, and compete with Eastern manufacturers.

L. S. Steele, Abstracter of Titles and Attorney at Law.—If real estate has had many transfers, and the title thereto has been affected by legal complications, it is necessary, in making a purchase, that the title be examined by an abstracter, who is possessed of legal knowledge, so that the title, if invalid, may be known; and if remediable by any legal process, that it can be perfected. In this particular, Mr. Steele has the advantage of other abstracters in Lawrence, for he ranks well in the profession of law.

When he fixes his name to an abstract of title it is sufficient evidence that it is *correct*. Mr. Steele makes every kind of legal document in conveyancing, as well as loans at the lowest rates of interest upon any real estate. In constant practice by a large business, he is rendered especially proficient in guaranteeing titles. He will furnish abstracts in the shortest possible time, having access to the full records of all real estate transfers. Entire reliance can be placed upon his judgment, and his honor remains unquestioned.

Donnellys' Livery Stable, John, James and Neill Donnelly, Proprietors.—This business was established in 1874 by these three brothers. They occupy a building 100x105 feet, and keep on hand forty-five horses, eight buggies, three carriages and two hacks. They do a general livery, feed and sale business. The establishment represents an outlay of between ten and fifteen thousand dollars, and is under the management of Mr. James Donnelly, the other brothers being engaged in outside occupations. He is the senior partner of the firm, and is a native of Ireland, emigrating to this country in 1848. In 1857 the three brothers moved to Kansas and settled in Lawrence. In 1869 they engaged in running hacks until the present business was established. During the Quantrell Raid, in 1863, James lost his property and was taken prisoner, but soon made his escape. His establishment is most popular, and he is fitted by nature for the management of any enterprise that depends upon the public for its support. Friendly with everybody, he has made the business a most pronounced success.

Hon. Chas. Chadwick, Law and Loans.—Mr. Charles Chadwick is one of the old-time residents of this county. He has been practicing for thirty-five or forty years; he was admitted in Chautauqua County, New York, came here in the early days, and has been called to positions of trust. He was justice of the peace many years, police judge, etc.; until lately he had retired somewhat from the practice of his profession. He is a good lawyer, and any business entrusted to his hands will be safe. He represents several of the best insurance companies operating in Kansas, and is prepared to transact any business of a legal nature, with accuracy and despatch.

New Music Room, H. H. Holcomb, Proprietor.—Mr. Holcomb has entered into the business with the determination to win, and if he don't do it, Kansas will go to Grover's state of "innocuous desuetude." That he means business is best ascertained by a visit to his apartments on West Warren Street. He carries the Hallet & Davis and the Emerson pianos, known to have no superiors. He also handles various makes of standard organs that he is prepared to sell at prices that defy competition. When it comes to sewing machines—that greatest blessing to the wives, mothers and sweethearts of our country—why, he has the New Wheeler & Wilson, the American Favorite, and the New Home, all of which will come out of a contest with competitors with colors flying. Mr. Holcomb is about as reasonable as any machine man could be. He

takes the trouble to put the machine in any household for trial, and if it is not wanted he is willing to take it away. He knows well enough that he will only have one trip to make, as his machines never fail to satisfy, and he makes prices within reach of all.

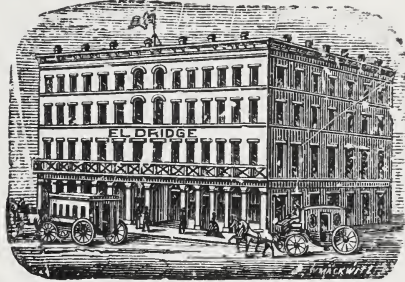
P. T. Foley, Printer and Book Binder.—The largest exclusive job printing plant in Lawrence is that of Mr. P. T. Foley. His steam and water power machinery, with all equipments, cost about \$20,000, and the business requires the services of twenty-two employes. The building is 40x120 feet, occupied by the mechanical department, while the basement serves as engine and storage room. Mr. Foley has been six years at this place, and already has a business established all over the country. He came here from St. Joseph, Mo., where he operated the same business, he removing the plant to this place. The book-binding department is complete, and he executes catalogue, pamphlet and book work of all kinds. Lawrence is fortunate in the acquisition of such an establishment as that operated by Mr. Foley, and from the amount of business he is doing, we could but infer that Mr. Foley was fortunate in his location as well. Orders from any part of the State will receive prompt attention, and careful estimates furnished on application.

A. G. Menger, Boots and Shoes.—It is a pleasure to speak of one who began life's struggle at the bottom, and has attained a competency by commendable effort. Mr. Menger is a self-made man. He is one of the heaviest merchants here, and has won his position by fair and honorable dealing. His room is 25x80, with a factory in addition, where two men are employed. It requires two clerks to wait on his customers, showing them through his ten thousand dollar stock to make selections. Born in Germany, in 1856 emigrated to the United States, settling in Philadelphia; in 1857 he came to Kansas, settling on a farm in Douglas County; in 1860 he removed to Lawrence, and procured a situation in a shoe shop, where he learned the trade, till 1870, when he established for himself, first as a custom shop, which in 1875 he enlarged with a general stock of boots and shoes.

Geo. Leis.—Was born in New York City, in 1842, receiving his education at his birthplace, and in Providence, Rhode Island. He came to Kansas in 1855, and located in Lawrence. Two years later he became connected with Woodward & Finley, druggists, clerking with them till 1862. In the fall of 1863 he established a drug business for himself, under the firm name of Geo. Leis & Co. A few years ago the company was incorporated, with the subject of our sketch as president, both of the drug company and the Leis Chemical Manufacturing Company. In Mr. Leis we have one of the most remarkable examples to be found in the State of Kansas. Beginning as a clerk, on a meager salary, he continued to prosper until he now ranks as one of the financiers of Douglas County. He was one of the foremost and prime movers in establishing the chair of pharmacy at the State University, of which he has held the position as secretary and member of the examining board the past year.

Fred. Strahm, Marble and Granite Works.—Mr. Strahm is a thorough workman in his line, and may fitly be called a tombstone artist, as he can take a raw block of marble and make from it a magnificent monument. He carries in stock a large quantity of granite and marbles, and is prepared to accomplish any kind of work on short notice. He guarantees perfect satisfaction in the character of the work done, and he makes his prices to suit the times. Mr. Strahm is enjoying his full share of the public patronage, which, as a home industry, he fully merits.

Eldridge House.—There is no spot in the beautiful City of Lawrence that awakens reminiscences of more historic interest than the



present site of the Eldridge House. In 1855, when Lawrence was an infant in swaddling clothes, Colonel Eldridge erected upon the spot a building with the same name, and used for the same purpose, as the structure that exists to-day. The building did not survive the disregard of border ruffians for property, and it was destroyed. The Colonel erected another that stood until 1863, when Quantrell put Lawrence to the torch. Phoenix-like, the present structure arose, enlarged to its present proportions, the only first-class hotel in the city. The name has remained unchanged since 1866. While the management has changed, the ownership, until lately, remained in the hands of Colonel Eldridge. Since 1866 F. O. Millard has officiated at the desk. Leaving his first love he would sometimes wander after false gods, but always returned. While the place has proven so attractive to him, he has in turn been the mascot—the drawing card of the establishment. The present proprietor, Mr. M. Conn, is one of the best known hotel men in the country, having kept the old United States Hotel at Kansas City, now known as the New Albany, the Barnum House and others. Mr. Conn knows the public demands, and spares no pains in anticipating the wants of his guests. The Eldridge House is commodious, well lighted, well heated and ventilated; carpeted and furnished without regard to expense. The house is modern in its appointments; the table good. There are sixty-four guest rooms, and twenty-five employes at the disposal of guests. Hacks and 'busses run between the house and the depot, making all trains on all roads entering Lawrence, both day and night.

August Goette, Blacksmith and Wagon Shop.—This place is headquarters in Lawrence for superior work in every line; he does all

kinds of blacksmithing, horse shoeing, wagon making, and painting, for which purpose he requires a number of superior workmen. He carries a considerable stock of wagons, buggies, carts, etc., which sell at the lowest figures, or he will change them for broken ones, which he repairs. He is doing the most flourishing business in his line in town. In the occupation in which he is engaged he becomes a much more useful citizen than many who pursue what they are pleased to call higher occupations. If there is any man on earth that deserves prosperity, it is the man who earns his bread at the forge.

The Lawrence Business College.

The most prominent characteristic of the old education was that of "theory." Our modern perfected system unites in happy harmony the two paramount essentials to the successful education, "theory and practice." Colleges and universities may discipline and polish, but there arises the need of an institution that prepares for the practical and every-day duties of life. This want is fully supplied by the business college, one of the best examples of which is the one at Lawrence. This institution was organized over twenty years ago, and has pursued a uniformly successful career. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder, it has mounted step by step, extending the sphere of its influence. As to the quality of instruction, there can be but one answer, it is the very best. The standing of those who have the management of this institution is that of the oldest citizens of Douglas County. The faculty is composed of thorough specialists, engaged with reference to fitness for the work of imparting to students that knowledge of methods and principles that will enable them to embark in the great struggle of mankind, armed for a successful career of usefulness. Graduates of this school are scattered over the Union, engaged in business enterprises of every character, while the poor unfortunate, who would not take a course of business training, is wandering from place to place seeking employment. The business man of the future must be prepared for business. The best time to prepare is now, and the best institution we can here name is the Lawrence Business College.

John Charlton, Justice of the Peace, Insurance, and Legal Blanks.—Mr. Charlton is accounted one of the best justices that Lawrence has ever had, having that knowledge of the fundamental principles of law and methods of procedure that enables him to transact the busi-

ness of the justice court with promptness and dispatch, and in a just and impartial manner. He also represents the best insurance companies operating in the State of Kansas, and does a large business, issuing both property and life policies. He issues all kinds of legal papers with accuracy and neatness, and with a due knowledge of the principles of law.

Andy Reed, Barber Shop.—The most popular tonsorial establishment in the city is that of Andy Reed. The public generally like to patronize a barber shop where they can get a good, clean shave, hair cut or bath, and where everything surrounding is clean and neat. The bath-rooms are models of convenience. Mr. Reed keeps only first-class assistants, and is doing a good business. He is gentlemanly, and will not insist upon boring his customers with a proverbial outpouring of talk usually attributed to barbers.

Oba Weishaar, Stenographer and Typewriter.—Was born in Jefferson County, Kas., in 1868. He received his education in the schools of that county, and spent some time at the State University. He was next taught four years, after which he came to the Lawrence Business College. He completed the full course of the institution, and followed it by a thorough course of stenography and typewriting. He is a first-class penman and bookkeeper; has a full knowledge of banking and commercial transactions. He is able to take from dictation at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five words per minute, and transcribe at from forty to fifty. Mr. Weishaar is now prepared to enter any kind of business, and has the advantage of a first-class general education.

Henry Fuel, Boots, Shoes and Rubber Goods.—Mr. Fuel is one of the standbys of Lawrence. He has been at the bench for twenty years, and has long since taken his degree as a first-class workman. He began at the lowest round of the ladder, and now owns a neat stock of boots, shoes and rubber goods, that he sells at rock-bottom prices. He keeps a repairing department in addition, and no man can do a neater job. Mr. Fuel is a royal fellow, and to his many qualities may be attributed his success. He is of steady habits, and is a man in whom the public have confidence. If you want anything in his line it will pay you to give him a call. Mr. Fuel was a slave till 1865, and never attended school a day in his life. His success is remarkable.

LEAVENWORTH.

LEAVENWORTH is the oldest city in the State of Kansas. Fort Leavenworth, which joins the city on the north, was located by Colonel Leavenworth in 1827; it is not only the finest military post in America, but it is generally admitted that it has the best military school in the world.

in thickness; the second at 738 feet, twenty-four inches in thickness; the third at 998 feet, twenty-six inches in thickness; and the fourth 1,030 feet, and twenty-eight inches thick. From actual tests it is known that our coal veins cover two hundred square miles, and contain 1,940,000



POST OFFICE BUILDING, LEAVENWORTH.

General McCook, the present commander, played a prominent part in the late war, as did also a large number of commanders who preceded him. In 1854 the present City of Leavenworth was located, and a town company organized by gentlemen from Weston, Mo. Since then the city has grown; additions have been added, until it now covers two and a half square miles of ground. Leavenworth is not only the largest city in the State of Kansas, but the largest manufacturing city in the West.

COAL.

The future of the city depends on the development of her coal. In 1860 coal cost sixty-five cents per bushel; in 1870 our first coal shaft had been sunk, and a twenty-four inch vein struck; since then four workable veins have been discovered, the first at 713 feet, twenty-two inches

tons of coal. In 1880 we had one coal mine, lifting three thousand bushels of coal per day, and employing one hundred and fifty men. We now have five coal mines, lifting fifty thousand bushels of coal per day, and giving employment to eleven hundred men, and another nine is being sunk. Our best coal is being sold at two dollars per ton, and the slack suitable for factory purposes at forty cents per ton. A barge line has been started on the river to deliver our coal into Kansas City, and the railroads have lowered the rates so that in the future Kansas City will be a large buyer of our coal. At the present time we have invested in coal mines two million dollars, and twenty thousand dollars per week are paid in wages.

FLOUR MILLS.

For the last twenty years flour mills have been

successfully operated in this city; the Leavenworth brands of flour are known in every State in the Union, and also in England and Scotland. It requires eight thousand bushels of wheat per day to keep our mills running, and it may be here stated that flour can be manufactured cheaper in this city with coal than in Minneapolis with water power. A company has been organized to build another mill, with a capacity of two thousand barrels per day.

A CORN MARKET.

There is no better market in the West for corn than this. The American Glucose Works of this city use four thousand bushels of corn per day, and our corn meal mills use another two thousand bushels, add one thousand bushels more for livery stables, and the quantity of corn used each day is seven thousand bushels. Corn is selling in Leavenworth for twenty-seven cents per bushel.

BRICKS.

Fort Leavenworth, the Soldiers' Home, and a large part of the city are built with bricks made from clay found near the city. Brickyards have been operated here for thirty years, and after supplying our own demands they have been shipped to Kansas City and other markets, always commanding a good price. About a year ago it was discovered that we had clay suitable for making vitrified bricks for street paving. Large works have been erected on the Soldiers' Home grounds, at a cost of \$30,000, and another factory has been established in the city at a similar cost, so that 60,000 paving brick a day are now being made, and both parties are behind in their orders.

STOVES.

This is the great stove center of the West. The Great Western Stove Company is the largest but two in the world; they make 60,000 stoves in a year. The Union Stove Works is another large enterprise. Together they give employment to a large number of men. The stoves are sold in every State in the Union.

FACTORIES.

We have the largest bridge works west of the Mississippi River, and give employment to a large number of men. Our furniture factories, planing-mills and cooperage works are the very best of their kind, as are also our packing-houses and printing establishments.

A MANUFACTURING CENTER.

Leavenworth can fairly be called the manufacturing center of the West, for here there are factories of almost every kind. They nearly all commenced in a small way, and have grown up to their present dimensions, until now the city finds employment for more men than any other city in the State of Kansas.

FARMS AND ORCHARDS.

This is not only a rich farming county, but it is rich in fruit. More apples are shipped from this county every year than from any other county in America. Farmers here are prosperous; having a good cash market for all they grow, they have an advantage over other counties.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

The Catholics have a bishop here, and a very

fine cathedral; there are also Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Christian, United Brethren, Lutheran, and other churches, all in a flourishing condition. We are well provided with public schools, which are known to be the best in the State. Young men who pass through a full course of our high school can go direct to Harvard or Yale without further examinations.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Very great improvements have been made in the city during the last four years; very fine water works have been erected, several streets have been paved, and a system of sewerage has been put in, the gas works have all been enlarged, and a large electric plant erected.

Three new railroads have entered the city, and two more are seeking admission; a rapid transit has been built, and the street cars are to be turned into an electric road; the Soldiers' Home has been built, and large improvements have been made at Fort Leavenworth.

POPULATION.

Seven years ago the population was about twenty-seven thousand; since then large improvements have been made at the Fort, Soldiers' Home, Lansing and Brighton, which are really part of the city, and the population is now estimated to be thirty-five thousand people, including the named places.

THE FUTURE.

The location of the city, the mineral wealth of the county, and the railroad and water facilities, are such that Leavenworth must always be prosperous, and her people well employed. Her active business men, headed by the president of the board of trade, have resolved to make her the great coal and manufacturing center of the West, and, unless some great calamity happens, there is nothing to prevent them from succeeding.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LEAVENWORTH.

First National Bank.—The bank has been called the lubricant of mercantile progress, and when properly managed is also the governor and safety valve. In Leavenworth we have a striking example of this in the First National Bank, organized in 1863. This is the oldest National Bank west of the Missouri River. It is the United States depository, and has a capital of \$300,000. In every way does it do the community and the banking world credit. The president is Hon. E. N. Morrill, the congressman for this district. J. W. Fogler, the vice president, a native of Maine, has been a banker for ten years, and is a gentleman of vast experience. The cashier, Mr. C. Peaper, is a native of Holland, and has had twenty-two years' experience in banking in this city; he is thoroughly alive to the responsibilities of a cashier. Geo. H. Hopkins, assistant cashier, is a native of Maine, has been banking for ten years. The bank has correspondents in the principal cities of the Union, and while it has ever regarded its stability as foremost and sacred, it treats its customers with deference and politeness.

George M. Bowen, Abstracter, Southeast Corner Fifth and Delaware Streets.—The above gentleman, whose office is at room No. 1, second floor, southeast corner Fifth and Delaware Streets, was established here as an abstracter and conveyancer in 1885. He is well known to possess eminent business and executive ability, and is considered an oracle on land titles in Kansas. The enormous business transacted is evidence of his fine management. In all dealings in real estate the first and most important consideration is to obtain a perfectly clear and unimpeachable title, and in this respect investors in Leavenworth County are peculiarly favored in having

has now retired from practice. The secretary is Capt. M. H. Insley, a native of Indiana. Captain Insley has a brickyard at the Soldiers' Home, at a short distance from the city, where he daily turns out not less than 30,000 brick. At the present moment he has a large order for brick for the new Government structures at Fort Leavenworth. The Captain first came to Kansas in '57. During the war he was chief quartermaster of the Department of Missouri, and depot quartermaster for nearly five years at Fort Scott. These gentlemen have throughout life managed their business on principles so broad, liberal and straightforward as to have secured



UNION DEPOT, LEAVENWORTH.

such a careful, painstaking abstracter as Mr. George M. Bowen. His books were constructed by an experienced corps of abstracters and draughtsmen, and he possesses one of the most practical sets of Leavenworth County abstracts in existence. He is notary public. Mr. Bowen was born and educated in England, and came out to the United States in '75. He is a K. of P. and is qualified by education, judgment, taste, and long experience to lead in his particular business.

The Kansas Land, Investment and Improvement Company, 107 South Fourth Street.—The incessant activity in the real estate market in this city has enlisted the services of many of our most responsible men, and among them, prominent mention should be made of those who constitute the above wealthy corporation, organized in 1887, with a capital of one million dollars. The company has developed a trade of great magnitude; it has 1,000 acres of the choicest land for sale (300 of which are in the city limits, and 700 outside the city), and those being guided by their judgment and advice can rely on securing bargains with a certainty of increase of value in the near future. They have carried through many important transactions, and are among the most enterprising brokers in town. The president, Dr. Neely, is a native of Pennsylvania, and is well known as ex-mayor of the city. He is a graduate of the medical department of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He

for themselves a consideration as well merited as it is rarely acquired.

Noll & Fuller, Wholesale Carriage and Heavy Hardware.—A mercantile establishment which has enjoyed a high reputation in business circles since it was started is that of Noll & Fuller. The well-appointed premises occupied consist of a two-story brick structure, 25x70 feet. Three hands are required. A profitable business is done throughout Kansas and Missouri. The facilities which they enjoy for successfully prosecuting the business enable them to offer advantages difficult to obtain elsewhere. Messrs. F. W. Noll and A. H. Fuller are natives, respectively, of Kansas and England, and have followed the business all their lives. Mr. Fuller is an I. O. O. F. They have, by spirited efforts, reared a business which places them in the front rank of merchants of the State.

Lewis Mayo & Co., Seeds, Agricultural Implements, Hardware, Cutlery, Farm and Spring Wagons and Buggies, 525 and 527 Shawnee Street.—The well-stocked establishment of Lewis Mayo & Co. was founded in March, 1878. The premises occupied are large and commodious, two stories and basement, 50x125 feet. Four to eight hands are required to meet the demands of the business. This firm are agents for John Deere plows, Buckeye goods and Moline wagons. The stock is not surpassed in Kansas. The entire basement is filled with implements. The facilities possessed by this firm are of an unusually complete character. Captain Lewis

is a native of Illinois; has lived in our midst since 1866; previous to his present enterprise he was in the retail grocery business. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., having done brilliant service during the late war, commanding Co. D, 87th Illinois Inf. This firm thoroughly deserves all the success it has attained, being known as an honorable and fair one, and promptly attending to all orders.

Leavenworth Coal Company.—The material resources and advantages possessed by Leavenworth and surrounding territory, with

his professional merits. He has from six to twelve hands under him. Mr. Parlin, a prominent K. of P. and K. of H. He has always been a civil engineer, chiefly in the West, and his success is owing entirely to his untiring energy and thorough knowledge of his work.

Porter & Hunter, Lawyers.—Of the many prominent names which go to make up the strength of the Leavenworth bar, few command more respect, esteem or confidence than the above. W. A. Porter, the senior partner, is a native of Ohio. He studied law with Mr. W.



LEAVENWORTH COAL COMPANY'S SHAFTS.

its inexhaustible beds of the finest coal, cannot be surpassed. The corporation known as the Leavenworth Coal Company was organized in 1863. This is the largest enterprise of the kind in this section of the country, employing, as they do, three hundred and fifty hands. Their vast business extends throughout North and West. The company's facilities are as perfect as its connections are influential. Their fine large nut, peanut and dust coal have justly become celebrated, warranted, as they have in all cases to be carefully screened; not to fill pipes or flues; the less stirred, the better. The company possesses the handsomest single office structure in the city, an attractive two-story brick building. The president and secretary are Messrs. Lucien Scott and Tiffin Sinks, the former of whom resides chiefly in New York, both being gentlemen of public spirit and great enterprise. Mr. J. E. Carr, general superintendent, was born in England, and came to this country in 1863. He has lived nineteen years in the city, and has had thirty-six years' experience in coal mining. He is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F's. He is justly recognized as a man of the finest business qualifications, and as a thorough expert as to all details of coal mining, hence is his *success* in life. We should mention that the city electric light plant is located here (arc and incandescent), with a capacity of 300,000.

M. D. Parlin, City Engineer.—Mr. M. D. Parlin, the enterprising city engineer, is a native of the State of Ohio, where he received his education. He has lived here twenty years and has gained a business standing of high degree upon

B. Brayman, of Paola, Kas.; graduated from Ann Arbor University in 1880, and has practiced here from that time. J. H. Hunter was also born in Ohio, and studied with S. W. Hopkins, of Holton, Kas., in which place he was admitted to the bar in 1881. In 1884 these gentlemen formed the present partnership, and have ever held their own, increasing their influence and extending their business.

B. B. Woolfe & Co., Dry Goods, Millinery, etc.—A careful review of the business interests of Leavenworth discloses the existence of a class of houses prepared to compete in every respect with the rival establishments of any of the largest cities. Among these is the great dry goods and millinery emporium of B. B. Woolfe & Co., who have been established five years. The premises consist of a handsome brick structure, three stories, 50x110 feet, equipped with all modern conveniences, such as passenger elevator, etc. The magnificent assortment of foreign and domestic dry goods and millinery, including silks, dress goods, fine laces, embroideries, fancy articles, notions, hosiery, white goods, mourning goods, cloaks, shawls, furs, etc., and courteous assistants are employed. The millinery and dress-making department, by general acknowledgment, is one of the best appointed west of New York. Over \$5,000 worth of fancy ribbons alone are carried, the ribbons being shown to the numerous visitors by means of a very ingenious invention of Mr. Woolfe's, which, like his establishment, to be thoroughly appreciated, must be seen. Many persons make a point of coming to this house from the sur-

rounding country to trade. Mr. Woolfe was born in England, but has been in America fifteen years, and has had a lifelong experience in the business. His wife, born in America, is of invaluable service to this concern, buying, as she does, most of the goods for the house at New York and other points. The ability exhibited by this firm in successfully launching this large and growing enterprise must assure to them an extensive patronage for all time from the best and all classes of society.

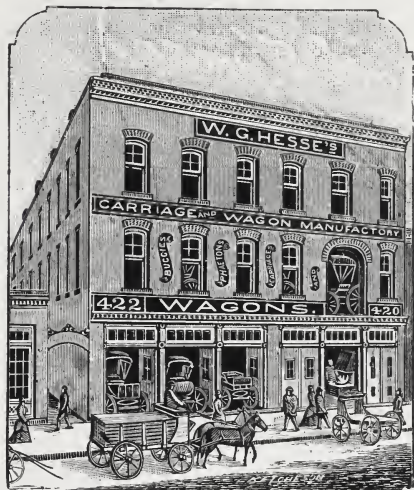
Chas. F. C. Smith, Merchandise Broker, 305 Delaware Street.—In speaking of the wholesale business interests of this city, an important adjunct is that of the merchandise broker. Chas. F. C. Smith started in March, 1888. He is considered in commercial circles most reliable. He is also well known as Secretary of the Leavenworth Mutual Building, Loaning and Savings Association, whose general office is here—305 Delaware Street. Mr. Smith was born in Germany, and came to the United States in 1863. He was a traveling salesman for over twenty years, eleven years of which were for a large St. Louis tobacco house. He is an A. O. U. W. His long experience and general reputation entitle him to be regarded as a representative business man of Leavenworth.

Henry Shindler, Correspondent *Kansas City Times*.—The worthy subject of our sketch, Henry Shindler, has achieved an enviable reputation in newspaper life. He has been manager here since '83. He has charge of the army department of the *Times*, and it is greatly to his credit that this journal has the largest circulation in the army of any paper in the country. All and ample data of the Fort Leavenworth news and of the entire army, indeed, always form a strong and highly pleasing feature of the *Times*. The circulation here daily is 600 to 700, and on Sundays from 1200 to 1300. Mr. Shindler was born in Prussia, and is a printer by trade. He came to America when only thirteen years of age, and has been connected with the army, in one way and another, since '72. He served three years in the 19th Inf. in the South and West. He is prominently identified with the Masonic and other orders in the city. In every way must Mr. Shindler be considered a highly responsible and reliable gentleman.

E. W. Combs, Boots and Shoes, 414 Delaware Street.—The leading and most prosperous shoe house of Leavenworth is undoubtedly that of E. W. Combs. On the 1st of March, 1886, the present able and enterprising proprietor succeeded Ritchie & McNutt, who were in operation four years. The premises occupied are three stories, brick, 24x115 feet in area, the salesroom being fitted up in elegant style, with all the conveniences of a modern store. Experienced and courteous salesmen are employed. Mr. Combs carries a superb \$20,000 to \$25,000 stock of boots, shoes, and all articles usually found in a first class metropolitan establishment. This assortment is one of the best in the State, and it will be to the advantage of citizens to call and inspect. By a thorough practical knowledge of the business, Mr. C. has acquired a trade equal to that of any similar house in Kansas. Mr. Combs is a

native of Kentucky, and was formerly well known as clerk of Clark County, Ky., for eight years, and also as assessor of the same county four years. He served as a private soldier in Co. A, 11th Kentucky Mounted Inf., C. S. A., during the late war. He is a gentleman of fine presence, splendid character, and good business ability, and by exemplary conduct in all business matters has won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

W. G. Hesse & Son, Carriages, Hardware and Wagon Supplies, 420, 422, Cherokee, and 721, 723 and 725, Pawnee.—This strong firm was



started in 1857. Their premises consist of a substantial three-storied brick building, 50x125 feet, with metal roof; also of a four-storied brick building, in North Leavenworth, 50x60 feet, with metal roof. Twenty-five to thirty-five experienced hands are employed all through the year. This firm are wholesale dealers in iron and steel, carriage, wagon and plow material, hard wood lumber, buggy tops, cushions, cloths and trimmings. They also manufacture exclusively fine vehicles on springs, in the latest styles and best quality. Wagons built to order to suit any business. Their specialties are two-seat and one-seat phaetons; side-bar and elliptic end-spring buggies, speeding wagons, surreys, with or without tops, omnibuses, wagonets, fine delivery wagons, laundry wagons, milk and bakers' wagons, furniture vans, platform express wagons, New York and butchers' trucks, beer rolls and oil tank wagons. All work done by them is of the highest finish, and great durability. Mr. W. G. Hesse is a native of Germany, and is a blacksmith by trade. Otto H. Hesse, his son, is a native of this city. By the energy and ability which they have exhibited in the conduct of their enterprise, as well as by courtesy and fair dealing, they have come to control a most lucrative trade.

Abernathy Manufacturing Company.—In writing of the enterprises that have conduced so largely to the thrift of Leavenworth, we must not overlook the great Abernathy Furniture, whose headquarters are in Kansas City,

Missouri. They make all kinds of furniture, and do an immense trade throughout the entire West. It is the largest factory in the West, occupying two buildings together covering half a block, one three-story, the other five, employing one hundred and twenty-five hands. W. A. Dolph, a native of Indiana, has been three years manager with the company, having in all had eight years' experience in the business. He is a K. of P. He possesses all the enterprise of the people of his native State, and the grand success of the company of late in Leavenworth must, indeed, be laid on his shoulders.

Michael Phelan, Wholesale and Retail Grocer, 504 and 506 Shawnee Street.—Among the representative wholesale and retail grocery



houses of this city, none stand higher than that of Mr. Michael Phelan. He has been established since 1864, and from the very inception, his business has been brisk. In order to meet the demands of business, he occupies

two large, brick, two-storied structures, (which he owns) the larger one being 24x160 feet and the smaller 24x60. He employs eight hands. He has ever recognized the importance of keeping first-class goods, and to this and his uniform courtesy is due the rapid increase in his trade. He employs three wagons and keeps in his stables eleven head of horses for private and business purposes. Mr. Phelan was born in Kilkenny County, Ireland, and first settled in St. Lawrence County, New York. During the war he was paymaster's clerk at Omaha and Leavenworth. Mr. Phelan possesses a firm basis of popular esteem. Before engaging in his present enterprise, he was most successful as traveling salesman for D. & J. Saddler, publishers, New York City.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s and American Express Companies, W. T. Soward.—One of the oldest and most experienced men engaged in the express business in the Western country is he who forms the subject of our sketch. Mr. Soward has been manager of the Wells-Fargo and American Express Companies here for three years. He was born in the State of Ohio, and came here from Kansas City, Kas. He has been twenty-five years in the express business, and is justly considered as ranking among these companies' most reliable and trustworthy men. He served in the war in the 110th Ohio Inf., and belongs to the G. A. R. (Burnside Post, 28, Kansas City, Kas.) He is also prominently identi-

fied with the Masons (Washington Lodge 17 Hamilton, Ohio,) and belongs to the "Chosen Friends." His management of affairs is a credit to him, and he should continue to receive the patronage he has so fully won.

G. E. Birdsall, Photographer, 412 Delaware Street.—In the work of the foremost photographers one can see specimens which seem to be the very perfection of art. The truth of this would be fully appreciated were the reader to visit the Birdsall art rooms. Mr. Birdsall was established on August 1, 1887, and occupies a suite of three beautiful rooms, that for taste, comfort and attractiveness are unsurpassed by any similar establishment in this section. Wherever exhibited, his pictures have won the highest praise from connoisseurs. Mr. Birdsall was born in Illinois, and has had a life-long experience in the business. The superior work of this gentleman has won for him an enviable reputation, and he enjoys a patronage which designates him as a leading and prominent representative of his profession. He is numbered among the representative citizens of Leavenworth.

T. A. Hurd, Attorney at Law.—The bar of Leavenworth is noted for its large number of successful lawyers, who are destined for the city a future even greater than her past. Among them the name of T. A. Hurd stands out prominent. He is a native of New York, and has lived here thirty-one years. Mr. Hurd was admitted to the bar in New York in the year 1848. He is identified with the Masonic order. He has a happy knack of making friends of the best people wherever he goes.

C. C. Kesinger, Real Estate, Loans and Collections, Southwest Corner Fifth and Delaware Streets.—This gentleman's business, from the start, has had a substantial and rapid growth. All descriptions of city and suburban realty are bought, sold and rented. Mr. Kesinger has \$250,000 to loan on farm and city property at low rates of interest. The fair and equitable terms offered by him have drawn to his office a desirable patronage. He is highly respected in local trade circles, and is numbered among the representative Leavenworth men.

Burlington Route

Elliot Marshall, General Agent, 101 Delaware Street, Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad; telephone No. 100.—The man who has traveled in the United States, even to

a small degree, cannot fail to have found out the many conveniences of the great Burlington Route. One of the best known C. B. & Q. men in this section of the West is Elliot Marshall, the general agent at Leavenworth. The numerous travelers by this route, will find him civil and obliging to all enquirers. Mr. Marshall was born in New York City and raised chiefly in Pelham, Westchester County, New York. He has been railroading since 1881, with the C. B. & Q., having been at Burlington, Iowa, until 1883, after which he went to St. Joseph, Mo.,

until 1st of March, of the present year, when he came to this city, a welcome acquisition in railroad and social circles, as has been quickly found out by the many who have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.

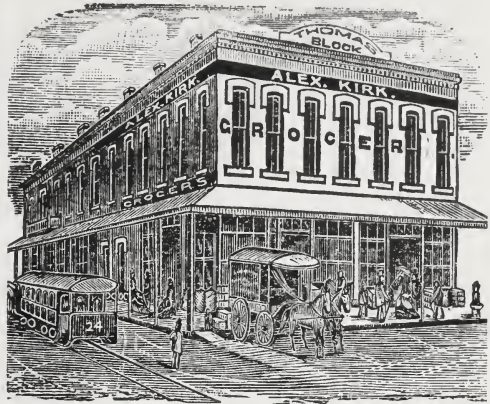
A. J. Angell & Co., Lumber, Office and Yard, 603 Cherokee Street; F. G. Markart, Manager.—One of the old time-honored business enterprises in this city is that of A. J. Angell & Co., established twenty years. They employ six hands, and deal in lumber, including pine, oak, walnut, ash, hickory and poplar. Also lath, shingles, doors, windows, blinds, mouldings, paints and brushes. They offer substantial inducements to the trade, both as to price and quality, while their liberal policy is universally recognized. The manager, F. G. Markart, came here from Iowa, where he was raised. He has been in lumber since 1865. He is an I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and belongs to the G. A. R., having served during the war in the 35th Iowa Inf. He is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business, and fully deserves the great success that his energy and enterprise have achieved for the concern he so ably manages.

S. I. Munson & Co., Lumber Yard, Planing Mill, and Box Factory, Corner Fourth and Choctaw Streets.—The well-known firm of S. I. Munson & Co., established in 1858, are the successors to Munson & Burrows. They supply the wants of the builders and contractors of this city, besides shipping liberally to the trade throughout the State. The premises consist of three large brick buildings, including a planing mill of three stories and basement. Fifty hands are constantly kept busy. They manufacture and deal in doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, furniture, etc.; in these, window glass and supplies generally, they offer unusual supplies to the trade; stair work a specialty. Taking all things into consideration, this undoubtedly constitutes one of the largest and best factories of the kind in the State, thoroughly equipped, as it is, with the newest machinery and all modern facilities. Mr. S. I. Munson was born in Connecticut; he has had a lifelong experience in the business, formerly in his native State. His son, Sylvanus I. Munson, was born in Leavenworth, and has been brought up in the business. They are old citizens, and enjoy the public confidence, as is represented by the liberal patronage which they receive.

Vinton Stillings, Real Estate, 302 Delaware Street.—The name of Stillings has for many years in this city been associated with the law firm of Stillings & Stillings, but our more special object now is to draw attention to Mr. Vinton Stillings, the junior member of this firm. He was born in Ohio, and is well known as one of our largest real estate dealers. He it was who built the bridge over the Missouri River, one mile in length, at a cost of \$90,000, thus giving the City of Leavenworth direct communication with Platte County, Mo., and with the City of Stillingsville, Mo., which he appropriately named after himself. He is the owner, too, of the steamboat *Willie Cade*, so often seen plying up and down the river. Mr. Stillings is also an extensive farmer, owning, as he does, many

hundreds of acres of farm land in the State. He is permanently identified with the Masonic order, of which he is a Shriner and holds a position as one of the foremost men of this city.

Alex. Kirk, Grocer, 428 and 430 Cherokee Street.—It is an invariable rule that those merchants who have acquired the greatest popular-



ity have based their claims to public favor not only on the superior quality of their goods, but upon the transactions of their business being governed by the sterling principles of honor and probity, from which combined methods has accrued the success enjoyed by Mr. Alex. Kirk, whose great wholesale and retail grocery house was established by W. S. Cable & Co. in 1868, and has since become one of the leading representatives of the trade doing business from Leavenworth. The premises consist of two two-story brick buildings, 24x80 feet, which are equipped with every facility. His stock contains the product of every clime, and an extensive trade is done throughout this and adjoining States. Mr. Kirk employs seven hands and four wagons; he is a native of Ireland. He served during the war in the 15th Kentucky Cav.

C. J. Byles, Freight and Ticket Agent, K. C. W. & N. W. R. R., Corner Third and Delaware.—One of the most active and popular men in this city is C. J. Byles, whose offices are located in the heart of the business portion of the town. His road has recently become known for the many convenient trains it runs to the Fort and Soldiers' Home at all hours, and in every respect ranks as one of the enterprising and cheapest roads in the country. Mr. B. was born in New Jersey, and has lived in Leavenworth since 1866. He is an old railroad man, and was formerly twenty years manager of the Missouri Pacific freight department at this point. He fought in the war in the 1st Missouri Cav., is a K. of H., and a clear-headed and business-like gentleman.

Dr. W. W. Walter, Office and Residence, Rooms 13-17 Manufacturers National Bank Building; Telephone No. 170.—Dr. Walter is a native of Kansas, and has practiced in this city seven years, having studied the profession with Dr. S. F. Neely, the ex-mayor of this city. He

graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1883. He belongs to the Kansas Medical Society, the Eastern Kansas District Medical Society, and to the Leavenworth County Medical Society. He is surgeon for the U. P. and K. C. & N. W. R. R., and member of the city school board and board of health. Dr. Walter is justly considered an acquisition to this city's professional standing.

Jas. A. Lane, Physician and Surgeon, 511 Delaware Street.—One of our foremost physicians and surgeons is Dr. Jas. A. Lane. He is a native of Wisconsin, and has been practicing here nine years. He graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1881, and studied with S. F. Neely, of Leavenworth, with whom he practiced three years. Dr. Lane is professor of histology, of the Kansas City Medical College; physician of the Kansas State Orphan Asylum; chief physician of the Home for Friendless Women, and surgeon for the Mo. Pac. R. R. He is an active member of the Leavenworth Medical Society, and of the Eastern Kansas District Medical Society, State Medical Society, etc. He was formerly principal of the Morris School, of this city, (at that time the largest school in the State), and was professor of natural science and mathematics in Kansas State School, of Paola. In all, he has had twenty years' experience as a teacher. His rooms are handsomely equipped with everything needed for the comfort of patients.

Smith & Harding, Attorneys at Law and United States Claim Agents, 605 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Mo.—This firm is one of the most vigorous at the Leavenworth bar. They were established in 1887. Their headquarters are at 605 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Mo., where they have another office. They are the authorized United States pension attorneys. G. H. Smith was born in Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1870. He is a Mason. A. C. Harding is a native of Ohio, and studied law in St. Louis and for two years in Iowa, graduating from the University of Michigan, in class of '79-'80. He is a Mason. They prosecute their cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for them the respect of their fraternity and the confidence of the people.

C. B. Gunn, Dentist, 409 Delaware Street.—Leavenworth has good reason to be proud of its array of dental talent, the leading name, by general consent, connected with which is that of Dr. C. B. Gunn. Dr. Gunn was born in Marion, Ohio; studied dentistry with Dr. Throckmorton in his native State. He has always been a careful student, and the result is seen in every detail of work he performs. He has been practicing in Leavenworth since June, 1883. He occupies three handsomely furnished rooms, fitted with every comfort and device known to the science of dentistry in all its branches. He is a member of the Kansas State Dental Society, of which he formerly was secretary for three years. He is a gentleman of liberal education, and his patronage is not confined to the city, but comes from various portions of Northern Kansas.

Geo. Wells, Architect and Superintendent, 314 Delaware Street.—This well-known gentleman has been established in our midst six years. He is a native of Syracuse, N. Y.; was raised there, and has been engaged in building and architecture all his life, his father being one of the most prominent builders at Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Wells has a special training of eye and hand for his work, and is familiar with architecture, ancient or modern, throughout the world. He was in Kansas City for eight years in his present profession, and in Lawrence, Kansas, for twelve years. He superintended plans for the new city Government Post Office Building, and designed plans for Chickering Hall (city), and the Leavenworth Coal Company's offices (the handsomest in this city); many of the officers' residences at Fort Leavenworth; the Indian stone school building, Lawrence; Judge Quinlan's (\$35,000) private residence, Tenth and Forrest Avenue, Kansas City. His work speaks for him. He is known as a reliable gentleman, a credit in every way to the profession.

Bond & Bauserman, Real Estate, Room 8, Bond Building, Corner Fourth and Shawnee Streets.—Established in 1889, are among Leavenworth's most trustworthy real estate men. They have on the books, for sale or exchange, all classes of city and suburban realty, and do a general collection business. They offer the best terms in loaning money ever made to the farmers of Kansas. They have a large amount of coal lands for sale. Mr. Bond came here in '66, from St. Louis. He is an I. O. O. F., and K. P., and was for three terms sheriff of Leavenworth County. He has been engaged in real estate five years. Mr. Bauserman was born in Ohio. He has lived in Kansas twenty-eight years, and has been in real estate four years. He is an extensive farmer, and formerly was here in the livery business.

B. S. Richards, Stable Supplies, Harness, Whips, Etc.—A leading concern of its kind in Leavenworth is that of Mr. B. S. Richards. The business was established in 1861, and has ever enjoyed a prosperous career. The premises consist of a commodious structure, brick, two stories, 36x38 feet. Mr. Richards deals in everything usually found in a first-class establishment—stable supplies, harness, whips, etc. 5-A horse blankets a specialty. Repairing neatly done. Ten men are required in the business. Mr. Richards was born in Virginia, and is an I. O. O. F. He is an experienced and energetic business man of acknowledged ability.

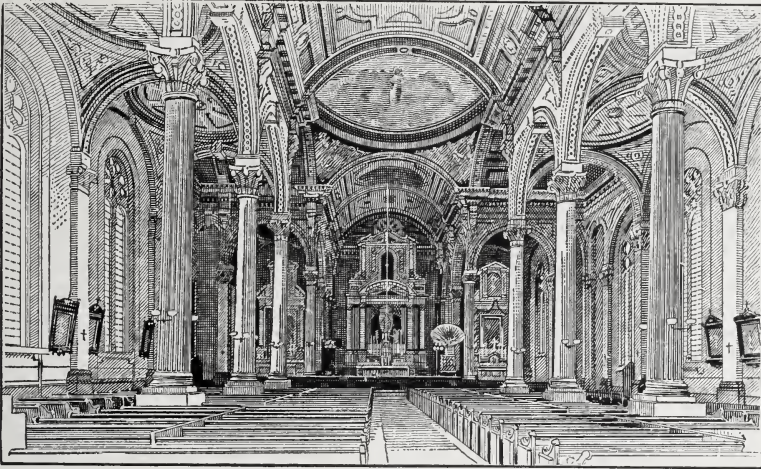
"Leavenworth Post," German Printing and Publishing Company, 415 and 417 South Fifth Street.—The great German daily and weekly journal of Kansas, the only German paper in the State, was established August 1, 1887, the daily circulation being 675, and the weekly 2,500. It is a clean-printed sheet, with the latest telegraphic and local news. The names of the following board of directors are sufficient to show the high standing of the paper: J. H. Rothenberger, president; P. C. Becker, vice president; A. Wernher, secretary; Henry Jansen, treasurer; Martin Schmitt, George Kohn, Peter Bubb. The able editor is Mr. Max Grone-

feld, born in Germany, who has been over six years in the business. The manager is Mr. F., F. Metschan, also born in Germany. He has been in the business since 1854. He is identified with the Legion of Honor and the I. O. O. F. and during the war gave useful service to the country as captain of the 12th Missouri Inf. They are gentlemen of the finest journalistic ability, and honored by all who know them.

New Delmonico, Hotel and Restaurant, 405 to 415 Shawnee Street, Between Fourth and Fifth Streets, Thos. Giacomini & Brother, Proprietors.—This well-known hostelry was established in 1868. It is conducted on the American

of territory extends throughout the entire West and Southwest. Mr. H. J. Helmers, from Missouri, is the president and treasurer. He has lived in this section since 1858, and is an I. O. O. F. The vice president, Mr. D. N. Barnes, is the capitalist, engaged in many and various enterprises. H. J. Helmers, Jr., secretary, is from Kansas, and is looked upon as one of our rising young men. They embrace the highest business qualifications, and have an established reputation through years of association with this pursuit.

W. W. Byers, Groceries and Provisions, 614 Cherokee Street.—A mercantile establish-



INTERIOR OF CATHEDRAL, LEAVENWORTH.

and European plan. The building is heated throughout by steam, and has all modern improvements, bath-rooms, electric lights, barber shop, billiard hall, etc. The dining-room seats two hundred. Twenty-five to thirty of help are required. Large sample-rooms. The restaurant is the favorite resort for private supper parties, which form a specialty. The hotel has one of the largest parlors in the State. The brothers Giacomini were born in Lombardy, and came to this country as boys. Thomas is a K. of P. and K. of H., while his brother, A., is a C. K. and a C. A. & B. A. They well understand the art of pleasing, and under their guidance the New Delmonico will always continue in popular favor.

The Helmers Manufacturing Company, Manufacturer and Wholesale Dealers in Furniture and Barbers' Supplies, 205 and 207 Delaware Street.—This great concern was incorporated in 1889, succeeding H. J. Helmers & Son, who were the successors to Helmers & Parmelee, who for so many years were well known here in the retail and wholesale furniture business. The plant consists of three large brick buildings, necessitating the employment of sixty hands. Office and sample-rooms at 205 and 207 Delaware Street, measuring 48x120 feet in extent, three stories and basement. They manufacture furniture and barbers' supplies, and also do gold, silver and nickel plating. The scope

ment which has enjoyed a high reputation in business circles for one and a half years, is that of Mr. W. W. Byers. His store, 30x60 feet, is admirably arranged and equipped for displaying a large and carefully-selected assortment of fancy and staple groceries, provisions, etc. Mr. Byers came here from the State of Ohio. He was deputy sheriff here for four years. By his thorough business methods he has won a large share of the city's patronage—a reflex of his capable and energetic management.

W. H. Farrell, Wholesale Fruits and Cider.—This, the oldest fruit house in Kansas, is a land-mark in the history of Leavenworth's past, and a factor in her prosperity in the future. Mr. Farrell commenced here in 1866. The premises occupied are four stories, frame, 30x80 feet. He does an immense trade, and has the best natural rock vault storage for the preservation of green fruits in the United States, with a uniform summer temperature of 50 degrees, having a capacity of 20,000 boxes of lemons, and a thorough system of ventilation. The main vault is 250 feet in length, the three others being 200, while they are 65 feet below the ground, and excavated in the solid rock, having several natural springs of cool mountain water constantly flowing through them, at 52 degrees Fahrenheit. Three to six hands are employed. Mr. Farrell was born in Canada, and has obtained a widespread reputation for cour-

tesy, fair dealing and a liberal policy. Storage to the trade for lemons, eggs and butter will be rented at very low rates.

"The Times."—A review of Northern Kansas would be incomplete which failed to give prominence to the widely-known Leavenworth



D. R. ANTHONY.

Times. This journal has gained a circulation of 5,400, *Daily Times*; and 7,000, *Weekly Times*. It was established in 1857, and is the oldest newspaper in the State. It employs fifteen hands. The editor and president of the Times Company, Col. D. R. Anthony, is the paper, and a man of national celebrity. He is a native of Massachusetts. During his first visit to Kansas, in 1854, he helped to found the City of Lawrence. He has resided in Leavenworth since 1857. In the late war he was the brilliant lieutenant-colonel of the 1st Kansas Cav., afterwards the 7th Kansas Volunteers. At the battle of Little Blue, November, 1861, he distinguished himself by a victory over a force of guerrillas four times his number. He was post master of the city fifteen years; also mayor and police commissioner. These are a few facts concerning one who is known the length and breadth of our land for his unsurpassed genius, his force of character, his public spirit, and his unflinching advocacy of the greatest principles which lead to the betterment of his fellow men. The vice president is W. P. Rice, of Texas; treasurer, A. C. Lamborn, was born in Chester County, Pa., and lived, in this city his whole life. D. R. Anthony, Jr., the secretary, was born in Leavenworth, and is now completing his education at Ann Arbor.

W. A. Hardin, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, No. 503 Cherokee Street.—The business of this house was started February 1, 1889. Mr. Hardin is successor to J. Stutsbury, and occupies a two-storied brick structure, 25x65 feet. The stock is well selected, embracing a full line of hardware, stoves and tinware, a specialty being made of roofing and guttering. All kinds of tin and iron work are executed in the best

manner. Mr. Hardin is a native of Texas, and is a skillful exponent of his trade. He was formerly thirteen years in the grocery house of A. Kirk. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a merchant whose success is but the natural result of his legitimate deserts.

Peter Everhardy, Fresh Meats.—Among the prosperous city enterprises should be mentioned that of Peter Everhardy, whose business has been established twenty-five years. The commodious store occupied at northwest corner of Fifth and Seneca Streets, is 25x72 feet, fitted up with every facility in use for the successful prosecution of the business. He deals in fresh meats, sugar-cured hams, bacon, lard, sausage, etc. He employs seven hands the year through. Mr. Everhardy was born in Ohio, and by able management has reared a business which places him among the substantial men of this substantial city.

Dr. C. R. Carpenter.—Is a native of the State of Iowa, and graduated from Cornell University, in 1880, with degree of bachelor of science, and from Rush Medical College, in 1882, as M. D., since which time he has practiced with eminent success in Leavenworth. He is an active member of the Leavenworth Medical College, and of the Eastern Kansas District Medical Society. He has always been one of the pushing men of this country, and is generally considered a liberal-hearted and genial gentleman, fascinating all he comes in contact with.

Old Virginia Restaurant, L. H. Wrenn, Proprietor, 416 Cherokee Street.—No feature of a community is more conducive to a favorable impression among casual visitors than that represented by restaurant accommodations. The Old Virginia was established in October, 1887; it is known as the great oyster depot of the city; seven hands are employed. The seating capacity of the dining-room is twenty-two. The restaurant is equipped with the modern adjuncts of safety and comfort. Mr. Wrenn was born in Virginia, and was formerly in the mercantile business for six years in Wellington, Va. "Mine host" is a popular character, and by able management has secured a large custom.

Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Works, A. J. Tullock, Proprietor.—The Western water channels offer peculiar difficulties to bridge builders, and it is only with a perfectly equipped plant, and the best plans and material, that the construction of reliable bridges, adapted to the heavy, straining traffic of modern times, can be effected. It is gratifying to record that Leavenworth is headquarters for the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Works, which were started in 1870. They are manufacturers and builders of steel, iron and combination railroad and highway bridges; tubular iron piers, roofs, and structural iron work, etc. The workshops consist of two brick and frame structures, one of two stories and the other one story, two hundred and fifty feet long, occupying an entire block. One hundred operatives are employed. Ten to twelve erection gangs are all the time employed on the roads, each gang consisting of thirty-five men. The proprietor is A. J. Tullock, a native

of Illinois; is a civil engineer of the widest range of practical experience. He has been in Leavenworth eleven years. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Corporations and municipal authorities will find that they can secure from this company the finest bridges in the world at reduced prices. They have bridges of their construction now in use in many sections of the West, two of the most important being the La Mine River bridge, on the Mo. Pac. Railroad; and the U. S. Government bridge, at Fort Riley, Kas., over the Republican River. The engineering department is under the immediate superintendency of Mr. Tullock, with Mr. A. A. Trocon in charge; and with Mr. Jas. D. McKee (formerly with the Mo. Pac. Railway), and Messrs. Freygang, Cunningham, Stearns and Wood as assistants; secretary, H. W. Diamond.



Among the firmly established houses which form the basis of the commercial wealth of this city is that of B. Korman, 423 Shawnee, established 1859. The premises consist of a two-story brick, 24x75, and a brick warehouse in rear two stories. Mr. K. deals in all kinds of stoves, tin, copper, and sheet-iron ware, roofing and gut-tering, house furnishing goods. He employs three experienced hands and does all manner of job work.

Mr. Korman was born in Poland, and came to America in 1855. He belongs to the Free Sons of Israel, and served three months in the militia in 1864.

J. W. Spratley, County Treasurer.—Among the names which have acquired prominence on the wings of Leavenworth's prosperity, none command more respect than this one. Mr. Spratley was born in Virginia, and by prudence finds himself as young to-day as he was twenty years ago. He is serving his fourth year as county treasurer. Mr. Spratley is well known in this neighborhood as one of our enterprising capitalists, owning, as he does, a large farm in Missouri, and being one of the largest city property owners. He is one of the most reliable men that ever handled county finances.

L. C. Haussermann, Fresh and Smoked Meats and Sausage of All Kinds, 416 Shawnee Street.—A representative mercantile house of this city, and one of the oldest established in the meat business, is that of Mr. L. C. Haussermann. It was founded eleven years ago, and its prosperous career is indicative of an able and proper management. The premises consist of a two-story building, brick, 20x50 feet. The

meats coming from his house are of the best quality, and moderate in price; six hands are employed. Mr. Haussermann was born in Richmond, Ohio, and is a K. P., A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. He is known for his fine character, and stands well in the community.

The Favorite Restaurant, 418 Shawnee Street.—"The Favorite" was established 15th August, 1889, and is known as one of the best oyster houses in the State. It is open day and night. Game such as the season affords is always to be found here. Short orders a specialty. Telephone No. 367. Eight hands are employed, to meet the demands of the prosperous business. The seating capacity of the dining-room is thirty-five and of the lunch counter twelve. Mr. Frank Richards, the head of the firm, was born in Kansas, and was formerly here in the harness business. His well-directed efforts on behalf of guests are substantially appreciated.

Ed. C. Dustin, Oysters, Fish, Game and Celery, 420 Shawnee Street.—This enterprising gentleman has been established nine years and does a flourishing wholesale and retail business in oysters, fish, game, celery, small fruits and melons. His building is a two-storied brick, 25x50 feet extent. He employs four hands to meet the demands of his trade. Mr. Dustin is a native of Wisconsin and a K. P. The advantages he possesses for the transaction of business are of a complete character, enabling him to offer his customers inducements not easy to duplicate.

M. A. Wohlfrom, Groceries, 406 Shawnee Street.—Mr. Wohlfrom has been established thirty years, and now occupies a two-story brick, 22x80 feet. The stock is very complete, and two hands are employed. Mr. W. was born in Alsatia, and in the late Civil War rendered meritable service to the Union cause. He has always held a name for intelligence and frank representations.

Leavenworth Coal Company's Store, W. T. Moak, Manager, 314 and 316 Shawnee Street.—An important branch of commercial activity is the extensive Leavenworth Coal Company's Store, of which Mr. W. T. Moak is the able manager. The two-storied brick building is 40x70 feet in extent, the location of which is advantageous. Besides a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, there is kept boots, shoes, and queensware; two hands are employed. Mr. Moak is a native of New York State, and has been with this house since 1st December, 1887. He was formerly in general merchandise in Wisconsin, thirty years.

Wm. Small, Dry Goods, 404 Delaware Street.—Wm. Small, the well-known dry goods merchant, who has been established since 1876, occupies a commodious two-storied building, brick, 24x100 feet. He always employs from twelve to fifteen hands; the storeroom is well lit, and is especially adapted for this particular business. Here may be found in endless profusion foreign and domestic dry goods, notions, novelties, etc. No shoddy goods are ever carried. Mr. Small was born in Canada, and was

brought up in the business. He has lived in Leavenworth since 1870; he is a K. of H., K. of P., I. O. O. F., and M. W. A. Our readers will find that by correspondence with him they are consulting their own interests.

Chauncey Flora, Sheriff.—One of the most intelligent sheriffs the county of Leavenworth has ever had is the subject of our sketch.



Mr. Flora took office on the 13th January, 1890, filling the vacancy since December 9th, 1889. He was elected by the largest majority (799) ever given to any sheriff in this county. He has distinguished himself by performing his duties in an able manner. He was born in Indiana. Mr. Flora was formerly in the railway mail service for five years, previous to which he was a traveling salesman for a wholesale liquor house. He is identified with the K. of P., and thoroughly deserving the gratifying success he has met with through life.

J. C. O'Donnell, Furniture and Carpets, 509 Delaware Street.—Among the popular establishments in its branch of trade is the house of J. C. O'Donnell, established twenty-five years. The premises are 25x125 feet, three stories, brick and basement. Mr. O'Donnell's stock embraces all the finest designs in parlor suits, lounges, matting, linoleums, curtains, oilcloth, carpets, etc. In this house everything pertaining to modern undertaking is executed. Five hands are employed. Mr. O'Donnell is a native of Ireland; he is thoroughly skilled in his dual profession, and fully deserves his success.

Thomas Plowman, Justice of the Peace, 105 South Fifth Street.—Judge Plowman is a native of Baltimore, Md., and that he ably filled his office is shown by his twelve years' continuous retention of it. He is also a notary and United States Commissioner. He is an active Mason and I. O. O. F. In his early days he taught school in his native State and Ohio; he was five years city treasurer here, and also at Cawker City in the United States land office five years. He is a man of sterling qualities and worth.

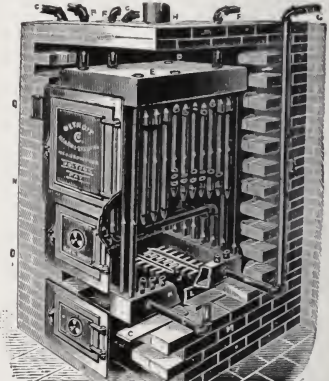
Geo. Kauffman & Co., Machine and Railing Shop, Brass Founders and Locksmiths, 304 Shawnee Street.—This firm, established in

1865, have every facility for fulfilling promptly any work in their line, their trade necessitating the employment of seven hands. The shop is a two-story brick, 24x124 feet, with an addition in the rear 48x60. The proprietors, George and William Kauffman, and Fritz Lange, are natives of Germany, the first being an I. O. O. F. and the second owner of the soap factory, and the third one of the finest machine experts in the West. They are full of indomitable energy and are among Leavenworth's busiest men.

A. Carthaus, Undertaker and Furniture Dealer.—Started in Leavenworth in 1864. His premises are 24x40 feet, two-story brick. The stock embraces parlor, dining-room, chamber and library furniture, and undertaking is done in excellent style. Mr. C. is a native of Germany, and has lived in Leavenworth since 1858. He was twenty years here engaged in manufacturing furniture. He served in the late war in the militia.

A. P. Schlag, Merchant Tailor, 417 Shawnee Street.—Mr. Schlag commenced here in August, 1889, and has obtained a good trade. His premises consist of a brick structure, 15x40 feet. He employs two and three hands. Custom work of all kinds is executed to order. Mr. S. was born in New York, and came West in 1869. He is a K. of P. He has been in the business all his life, and has won an excellent reputation for the superior merits of his suits.

Jas. Foley, Plumber, 220 Delaware Street.—The plumber, notwithstanding the many jokes made about him and slurs cast upon the dimensions of the bills which he presents, is an indispensable adjunct to society. Mr. Foley came to Leavenworth from Atchison, where he had previously worked at his trade, in 1869, and has since been adding to his resources until now he has an establishment of which both he and the City of Leavenworth may justly feel proud. He makes a specialty of steam heating and plumbing, besides always having on hand the best gas and water fixtures; he is agent for the Bolton Hot



Water Heater and the Furman Steam Boiler. He employs an efficient set of workmen. He conducts the largest establishment of its kind in Kansas, and does an annually increasing wholesale business throughout the State. Mr. Foley was born in Boston, but came West in early life.

J. W. Dawson, Stationery, Etc., 108 South Fourth Street.—Started here four years ago and now occupies a neat two-story building, filled to repletion with stationery, notions, etc.; picture framing and artists' materials being a specialty. Mr. Dawson was born in Ireland, and has lived in America forty years, and by his thorough business methods has acquired a large patronage.

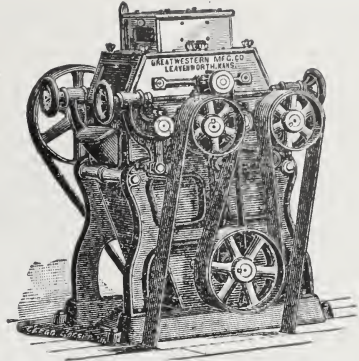
F. Menown & Co., Wholesale Teas, Etc.—In this house Leavenworth enjoys the distinction of having the largest wholesale dealers in teas, coffees and spices in the State. They further handle cigars, baking powder, bluing, extracts, and fancy groceries. This house is a branch of Kansas City, and since it opened here, three years ago, has extended its trade over Northern Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, where three men are kept busy taking orders; eight men are employed inside. They occupy two stories and basement, 25x110 feet, at 214 Delaware. They have a ten-horse engine to drive the grinding and roasting apparatus. Three wagons are required for local purposes. Geo. A. Ennis, managing partner in Leavenworth, has been with the firm seven years. They have been established in Kansas City thirty years, and are one of the soundest firms in that city.

Spencer's European Hotel and Dining Parlor, 304 Delaware Street.—Anyone who does not know Spencer's dining parlor, does not know the City of Leavenworth. It was established in December, '89, at its present location. This restaurant is capable of seating fifty people. Nine hands are employed in the prosecution of the business. There are fourteen newly-furnished bed-rooms in this hotel. The entire house is lit with electric light. These rooms are frequently used by special parties for banqueting purpose. Mr. M. F. Spencer, from New York, is to be congratulated on the outcome of his well-directed efforts, for he never fails to give entire satisfaction to all.



S. Lyons, Jeweler and Optician, 421 Shawnee Street.—This house was established in February '82. The premises are a brick structure, 16x24 feet. Mr. Lyons makes a specialty of the finest line of diamonds, clocks, watches, jewelry, silverware and optical goods, keeping all the best makes of spectacles, eyeglasses, etc. He was born in Poland, and is an

I. O. O. F., K. of P. and A. O. U. W. He is a practical jeweler, thoroughly experienced in his business.



Great Western Manufacturing Co., Manufacturers of Steam Engines, Roller Mills, Milling and Mining Machinery, Mill Furnishers and Contractors, Importers of Bolting Cloth, and Dealers in Belting and Mill Supplies of Every Description.—The representative concern of the West engaged in the manufacture of steam engines, roller mills, milling and mining machinery, is the Great Western Manufacturing Co. This, the largest concern of the kind west of the Mississippi River; was established in 1858, and incorporated in 1886. Their works cover a large area of ground, in which are three brick buildings, three stories, a foundry, machine and pattern shops, etc. One hundred and forty hands find here steady employment, and a thorough system of organization is enforced throughout these works. The president of the company is John Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania. He has lived here since 1857, and was formerly in the hardware business. He is vice president of the Leavenworth National Bank. The vice president is D. F. Fairchild; treasurer, Geo. W. Early; secretary, Samuel H. Wilson, (son of the president,) a native of this city; assistant secretary, Nevil Whitesides, from Kentucky, who has lived here five years. Under the guidance of such officers and capitalists, Leavenworth is enabled to maintain her supremacy throughout the country in the trade in steam engines, roller mills, milling and mining machinery.

Dr. A. Holzer, Practical Physician and Surgeon; Office and Residence, 309 Delaware Street, between Third and Fourth Streets; Telephone 337.—Dr. Holze does a large practice among the best classes of Leavenworth, and especially among the German community. He was born in Germany and is a graduate of Strasburg University. He has practiced in Leavenworth four years, and is an active member of the Leavenworth Medical Society. He is a generous gentleman, liberal in his ideas, a protector of the rights of humanity.

Drs. D. W. & M. S. Thomas, Northeast Corner Cherokee and Fifth Streets.—The medical profession has many talented representatives in Leavenworth, among which are Drs. D. W. & M. S. Thomas, who formed their strong combination in 1866. Dr. D. W. Thomas was born in Maryland, and graduated from the Maryland University, Baltimore, in '49. He studied medicine with Dr. Hammond, of Maryland, and first

began practice in Hartford County, Md., then in Martinsburg, Va., and afterwards in Richmond, Va. He belongs to the Kansas Medical Society and the Leavenworth Medical Society. Dr. M. S. Thomas graduated from the Maryland University, Baltimore, in '52, having studied the profession with his present partner. He also belongs to the Kansas and Leavenworth Medical Societies.

Dr. A. Lauer, Physician and Surgeon, 104 South Fourth Street.—Dr. Lauer is a native of

with remarkable success. He represents the New York Underwriters Agency; Fire Association, Philadelphia; American, Philadelphia; Williamsburgh City, New York; Traders, of Chicago; Aetna, of Hartford; Hartford, of Hartford; National, of Hartford; London Assurance, England; Germania, New York; Employers Liability. Mr. Fletcher is a native of Ohio, and contributes strongly to the city's good standing.

Herman Witt, Groceries, 112 North Fifth Street.—One of the finest appointed grocery



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, LEAVENWORTH.

Baden, and has consultations in English, French and German. He is a graduate from Heidelberg and Strasburg, and has lived in Leavenworth five years, since which time he has been one of the favorite physicians and surgeons in the city and vicinity.

L. G. Hopkins, Attorney at Law, 305 Delaware Street.—This enterprising gentleman, besides doing an extensive practice in law, is also an examiner of land titles, possessing, as he does, a complete set of abstract books of Leavenworth City and County. When one realizes the amount of systematically-arranged information at his disposal, it is reasonable for him to look for the patronage of the legal profession, in whose interest his books are constructed. The success of Mr. Hopkins has been the result of sterling professional probity.

W. B. Fletcher, General Insurance Agent, Fourth and Shawnee Streets, Missouri Valley Building.—Insurance is one of the greatest interests of the age, and one of the equalizers and distributors of wealth. W. B. Fletcher has been eighteen years in the business, and in consequence of his eminent qualifications has met

stores in this city is that of Mr. Herman Witt; was established on 1st April, '89. The store consists of a two-storied brick structure, 24x50 feet. Mr. W. employs two hands, and carries in stock all articles usually found in a first-class house. Mr. Witt was born in Germany, and came to America in 1876, and formerly clerked eight years here in his present line. He is the recipient of a large and steadily-increasing patronage.

Samuel Kayser, Loan Office, 407 Shawnee Street.—The old reliable loan office dates back to 1865, and there is always to be found here a long list of unredeemed pledges, that can be sold at a great reduction, consisting of watches and jewelry, guns, revolvers, etc. All goods are warranted. Money is loaned on good collaterals of all kinds. The premises are three-story brick. Mr. K. was born in Germany, is an A. O. U. W., and a public-spirited citizen.

United States and Pacific Express Companies, J. Westlake.—The facilities which these express companies enjoy for the prompt prosecution of their immense business are well known to the public. The business

here calls for the services of eight men and four wagons. The enterprising manager, J. Westlake, came to Leavenworth as far back as 1869. He is a native of Wisconsin, and has been in the express business since 1862, previous to which he traveled for eight years. He is secretary of the school board. He had three months' service in the army. He is a Mason (32d degree), and is a K. of H. By able management he has reared here a large business on behalf of the companies he represents.

John R. Boyd, Dentist.—One of the best known dentists in Kansas has been practicing here since 1866. He employs two assistants and has handsome rooms, equipped with all modern conveniences. He is quite a society man and a prominent K. P.

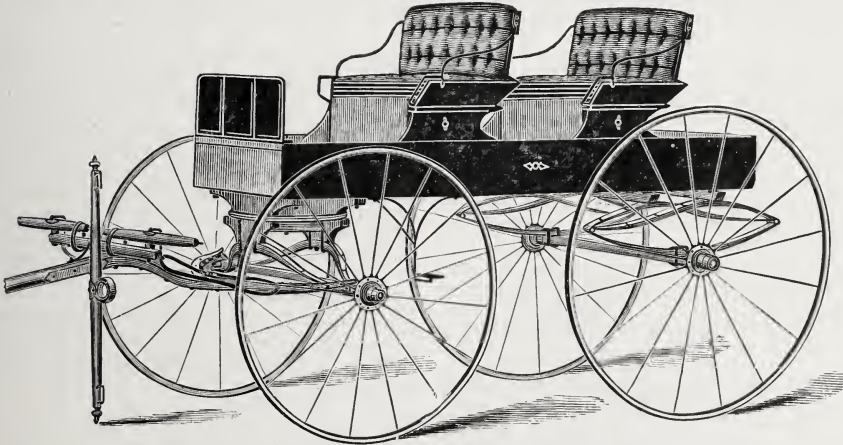
Kansas Manufacturing Company.—The manufacturing interests of Leavenworth form one of the proudest plumes of her civic wreath. The great corporation known as the Kansas Manufacturing Company has been organized sixteen years, their factory being eligibly located at the penitentiary, where all through the year they employ 125 hands. They are known throughout the West as the manufacturers of the Caldwell farm and gold medal spring wagons. They employ five traveling salesmen, and sell their products from Mississippi to Mexico. Hon. A. Caldwell, the president of the company, was born in Pennsylvania, and came West in 1861, and was engaged in overland transportation till 1870. He is one of our most prominent citizens. He was United States Senator during '73, '74, '75 and '76. The Town of Caldwell, Kas., is named after him. C. B. Brace, treasurer, is a native of New York, and came to Leavenworth in 1858. He has been twelve years in this company. C. Townsend,

Ketcheson & Reeves, Printers, Binders, Engravers and Stationers.—This business dates its inception back to 1866, when it was



first conducted by Mr. J. C. Ketcheson, Mr. Reeves having been taken into partnership in 1886. They do an extensive business, and employ twenty-one hands. They occupy the upper floor of the Manufacturers' National Bank Building, 50x120 feet, equipped with modern machinery, the office and stationery department occupying the ground floor. Messrs. Ketcheson & Reeves are natives of Canada and Bridgeton, N. J., the former being a Mason, I. O. O. F., K. of P. and G. A. R.; the latter a K. of P.

Dr. W. D. Bidwell.—One of Leavenworth's prominent physicians is Dr. W. D. Bidwell, whose handsome office and residence are at the southwest corner Fourth and Delaware Streets. He is a native of Massachusetts, and graduated in 1885, from the Harvard Medical School, since which time he has practiced here. He also took the degree of A. M. from Williams College,



GOLD MEDAL SPRING WAGON. (Ludlow Patent.)

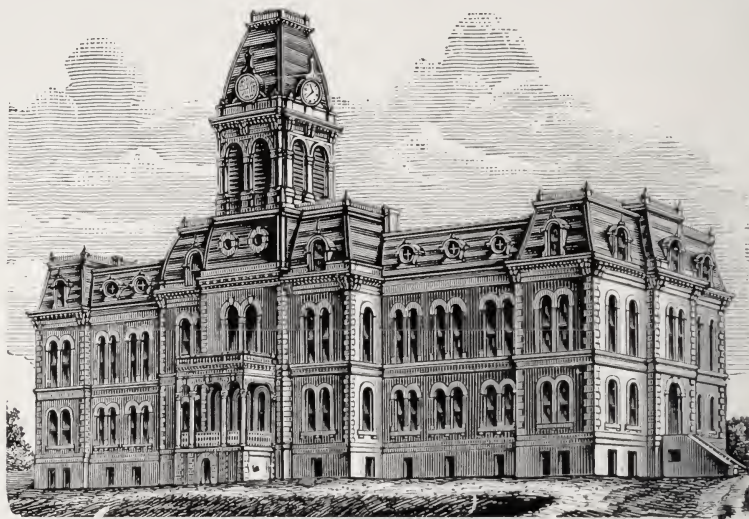
secretary, was born in Pennsylvania. He has lived in this city fifteen years, and has also been twelve years with the company. The work turned out by the Kansas Manufacturing Company is up to the very highest standard in material used, and the quality, finish and perfection of details, as well as in scientific principles of construction.

Mass. He is secretary of the Leavenworth Microscopical Society, and of the city board of health, and secretary and treasurer of the Leavenworth Medical Society. He also belongs to the Kansas Medical and Eastern Kansas District Medical Society, and is physician for the Santa Fé Railroad. Dr. Bidwell contributes to the best medical journals of the country, being president

of the board of directors of, and assistant editor of the *Kansas Medical Journal*; a contributor to the *Times and Register*, of Philadelphia, and of the *Kansas City Medical Index*. He is a member of the Masonic order.

E. Jameson, Real Estate Agent, 215 South Fifth Street.—This well-known gentleman, since he engaged in the real estate brokerage business, seven years ago, in this city, has developed a widely-extended trade in managing estates and negotiating loans. He was born in

The National, Mella & Giacomini, Proprietors.—This is Leavenworth's favorite hotel with the traveling public, on account of its superb location on the northeast corner of Fourth and Cherokee Streets. It is a striking structure, three-story brick, with all modern improvements, it was opened 1st April, 1885. It is conducted on the American and European plan, the restaurant being open day and night. There are sixty-five bed-rooms, dining-room seats 150, and thirty-five hands are engaged. The office has a lofty ceiling and numerous entrances; a



COURT HOUSE, LEAVENWORTH.

England, where for twenty-six years he was an architect and engineer. He is a leading member of the board of trade, and the author of the book, "Leavenworth, the Great Coal and Manufacturing City of the West."

Dr. A. C. Van Duyn, Corner Fourth and Delaware Streets. As an exponent of general surgery, Dr. A. C. Van Duyn is worthy of mention here. He was born in New York, and has practiced here 24 years. In 1857 he graduated from the literary department, Hamilton College, N. Y., and in 1862 from the medical department of the Michigan University. He belongs to the State Medical Society, and the military order of the Loyal Legion, having been surgeon of United States Volunteers during the war. The Doctor is a Mason. He has ever obtained a liberal share of public favor, the best proof of his skill and care.

National Livery Stables, G. M. Quimby, Proprietor, 320 and 322 Cherokee Street.—Neither pains nor expense have been spared by Mr. Quimby, to please patrons. He was established on 1st August, 1889, being the successor to Quimby & Burns, who were established 1st June, 1889. The premises consist of a fine brick structure, of two stories, with a capacity for stalling forty horses. The location is next to the National Hotel. Three hands are employed. Mr. Quimby is a native of this city, and is a young man of push, thoroughly conversant with the business in hand. Telephone 345.

specialty is commercial men. The proprietors are natives of Italy, have been in this business all their lives, are agreeable gentlemen, paying every attention to their guests.

E. N. O. Clough, Proprietor Kansas Mercantile Agency, and Commercial Intelligence Office; Attorney, Notary, Commissioner for the States and Territories, Real Estate, Etc., 321 Delaware Street.—Mr. Clough has been in this business fifty years, formerly in Columbia and Platt County, Mo., and in St. Charles, and St. Louis, Mo., he has been in Leavenworth since 1861. He studied law with Wm. Campbell, of St. Charles, and was admitted in Missouri in '52, in Kansas in '57, and to the United States Supreme Court 21st January, '74. He was born in Virginia, and came West from Boston, Mass., in 1834. He served in the Mexican War, in the 1st Bat. Missouri Volunteers, and also in the late Civil War.

Lottery Tickets: Louisiana, Mexican, and Little Louisiana, of Kansas City. S. M. Kohr, Agent.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

A NOTICEABLE incident in the "meeting of extremes" is seen in the fact of the smallest county in the State of Kansas, Wyandotte, containing the most populous city in the State, Kansas City. Out of the one hundred and five counties, not only is Wyandotte the smallest in extent, but she has less than one-half the area of the next largest county, Doniphan. When the geographer, by public command, cut up Kansas into so many rigid squares or counties, he was no doubt puzzled what to do with that little tongue of land jutting out into the ocean of water formed by the junction of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers; so to simplify matters he just made a separate county of it. So was formed little Wyandotte, the tightest, snugest, most populous, and we might say wealthiest county in the State. New York County stands to New York State in the same position, and the day is at hand when Kansas City will stand in the same relation to the State of Kansas as the City of New York stands to her State—its commercial capital. Kansas City, Kas., was formed in 1886, by a consolidation of five municipalities—Wyandotte, Armourdale, Armstrong, Riverview and Old Kansas City, Kas. This latter town was formed by the over-flow of Kansas City in Missouri, across the State line, and really forms a connecting link between what is known, in modern parlance, as the two Kansas Cities—Kansas City, Kas., and Kansas City, Mo.—really one city, divided only by a State line. We say really one city, because they are joined together, not alone in interest, but actually so, many buildings on the State line standing really in two States.

Kansas City, Kas., contains the bulk of those manufacturing interests which are the backbone of the two cities, the packing interests. The packing interests not only were the origin of Chicago's growth, but made her the Queen of the West; so have the same interests made Kansas City her rival, and these packing houses are located on the Kansas side of the line. What drew the packing men here was the Kansas and Missouri Rivers, into whose immense bosoms they could unload their offal with impunity, although to-day this is not such a necessary consideration, as all the offal is now worked up into some marketable commodity. Kansas City, Kas., is a city to-day of fifty thousand people, and is growing faster, not only than Kansas City, Mo., but is growing faster than any city in the West. Two years ago, when the great "boom," which, headed by the enterprise and energy of Kansas City, Mo., visited this whole Western country, "let up," if the critic will pardon a slang phrase, Kansas City, Kas., did not "let up" in her onward march; and why? because the packing houses, dependent for their supply on the whole country west to the Rockies and south into Mexico, and drawing their custom from the world, continued on steadily to increase their business, every year cheapening the manipula-

tion and bettering the quality of their products. The world has been calling recently for cheaper beef and better pork; Kansas City has nerved herself to supply these wants, and to-day disputes with Chicago her supremacy as the cattle and hog center of the United States. This is the principal reason for the continued growth of Kansas City, Kas. Of other reasons we shall speak further on.

First let us go back to history, for Kansas City, Kas., has a history—a proud and romantic history—dating its origin to these aborigines of the soil, the Red Indians. That observant writer, Max O'Rell, said, in his travels in our country he had met many people with American traits, but had not yet seen a typical American. Some writer has recently said the typical American, if he ever comes, will closely resemble the Indian who grew up, unadulterated by outside influence through centuries, on our soil. Kansas City, Kas., then has strong claim to be called typically American, for she has her origin from the Indian's settlement, and many of her oldest inhabitants have Indian blood.

Of the five towns out of which Kansas City, Kas., has been erected, Wyandotte was the oldest and principal one. The facts which go to make up its early history form the singular spectacle of a nation of Indians, brought to a high state of intelligence, through the faithful labors of missionaries, joined to their own innate brightness of perception, leading the van of civilization in a community, and first giving to the whites who succeeded them the blessings of religious instruction and the privileges of a free education. Descendants of the great Iroquois family, the Wyandottes were driven from their old home in the war with the Six Nations, more than two centuries ago. After suffering various migrations we find them, having remained faithful to the United States, after the war of 1812 placed on a reservation in Ohio.

Then commenced the labors of the Methodist missionaries among them, one of whom reduced the language of the Wyandottes to writing. The tribe, or more properly speaking nation, obtained to a high degree of education and refinement, and many intermarriages took place with the white people. They were moved to Kansas in 1843, numbering at that time seven hundred persons, and settled on the present site of Kansas City, Kas., calling their village by their name. They intermingled and intermarried with the whites, became active traders, and quite wealthy.

In 1857 a party of four gentlemen from the East formed, with three of the Indians, a town company, and proceeded to lay off streets, avenues and lots. A rush of people to the new town, not only from this country but many coming direct from Europe, at once took place, and while buildings were being put up as rapidly as carpenters could be procured, the people lived in tents. Before the close of the year Wyandotte

was a town of some fourteen hundred population. In January, 1859, the town was erected into a city.

The early history of old Kansas City, Kas., is obscure and unimportant. In fact, the site of the first houses erected here about 1857-8, is now covered by the Missouri River. The town, which was settled by little better than squatters, was some time known as the Armstrong Float; they gained their livelihood mostly by fishing. The Kansas City Town Company was formed in 1868; the streets were named after the original proprietors of the town. In 1871 the Armour Packing House was removed from Kansas City, Mo., to its present site, and this was the com-

solidated into one city, a city of over 50,000 inhabitants. The new streets being graded, instead of running east and west, pointing to Missouri, run north and south, thus connecting all sections. The great thoroughfare in a short time will be Seventh Street, running from the extreme end of the city on the Missouri on the north, to the Kansas, or Kaw, on the south. It crosses the railroads, which formerly divided off Armourdale from the northern part of town by an all-steel bridge, sixteen hundred feet long, twenty-eight feet above the tracks, with a twenty-foot wagon way, a foot path, and twelve feet allowance for the electric-motor car. The bridge was built of the most expensive material, the best



EXCHANGE BUILDING, STOCKYARDS.

mencement of the enormous amount of business now carried on here. The town was incorporated in 1872, and for a long time looked to Kansas City, Mo., for fire protection. This portion of the city contains the two largest interests in Kansas City, Kas., namely, the stockyards and Armour's Packing House; the Anglo-American Provision Company have also an immense establishment here, employing some six hundred men. Soap works, the Kansas City Waterworks, overall factories, form minor interests.

That part of the city formerly known as Armourdale, named for the Armours, the packers, was platted in 1880, and incorporated as a town in '82, and came into the consolidation in '86, as already stated. It is the site of large manufacturing interests, presenting peculiar advantages to the manufacturer. Here are located Kingan & Co., the largest exporters of hog-stuffs in the United States; also the largest dressed beef establishment; three other beef and pork packers, glue works, two fertilizer factories, two foundries, an agricultural implement factory, the headquarters of two large oil companies, refining works, overall manufacturers, and numerous smaller concerns.

Armstrong and Riverview are located about the center of the city, and still retain their names distinctive of the locality. These several formerly separate towns are rapidly being con-

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engineers being engaged. It was paid for, one-third by the city, one-third by the Rock Island, and one-third by the U. P. R. R.

During 1889 the city spent \$700,000 in grading and improving her streets, and this year will spend more.

The *Journal*, of Kansas City, Mo., says, in its annual review for the year 1889:

The sun ne'er shone on a day more auspicious than that of the new year, January 1, 1890, to portray the accomplishments of a year of glorious progress and indomitable effort, characterized in the development of Kansas City, Kas., during the past year. The year 1889 has been a season of conditions which have been met and dealt with in a manner betokening courage, enterprise and wisdom. The citizens have counseled together for a general good; an organized movement has taken the place of single efforts; a sphere of usefulness has shown itself to every man, woman and child in the city; and all this for a cause of vast proportions, that of building up a great city.

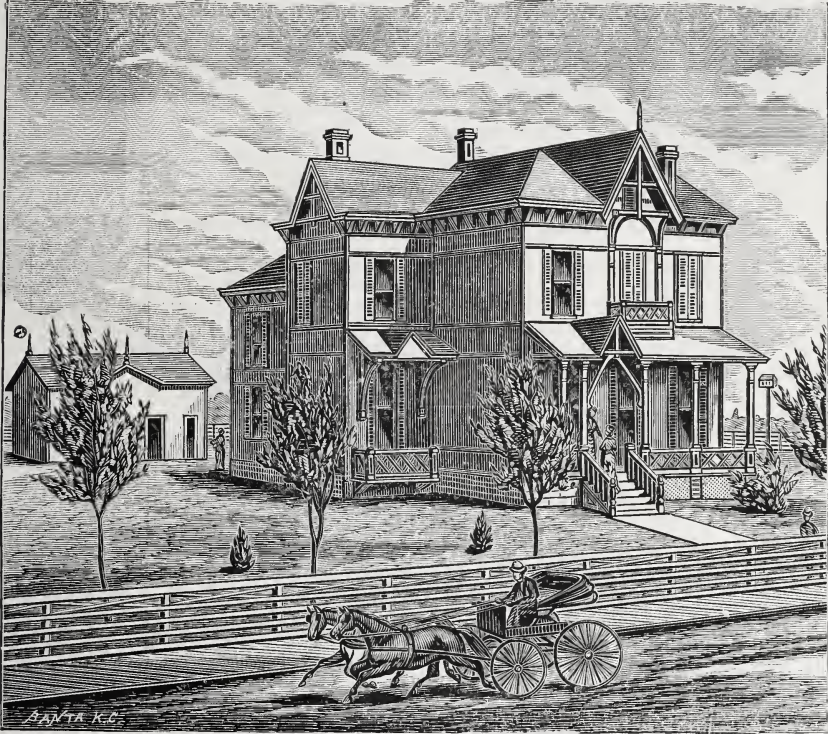
To-day, with a population of 50,000, Kansas City, Kas., stands pre-eminently the metropolis of Kansas, far out of reach of her sister cities, in all of the principles that tend to make up a business center. Capital in seeking its proper and legitimate channels, has begged for admission here at low rates, and has not been denied. The flood gates were opened, and at every hand the carvings of skilled labor can be seen and identified as the enterprise and pluck of some righteous citizen.

The indication of the kind of progress made in Kansas City, Kas., within a year can be cited by referring to public improvement expenditures, which reach the enormous total of \$702,500. In this total is included nothing but *bona fide* city improvements, and relates in no way to the expenses of the city government.

The year has been without parallel in the way of building, and the result shows an enormous increase over any other year in the history of the city. A home, free from the environments of intemperance, is the inspiration of the Kansas City, Mo., man who builds his domicile here; and with quick transportation between

are unequaled, and with the great lines of the continent crossing railway systems centering at this point, it is no matter of amazement that the city is standing where it is to-day in the matter of manufactures.

Land, that a few years ago was regarded as absolutely worthless, situated in the bottoms and along the banks of the Kaw, is now the most valuable in the city, and is rapidly being filled up with factories and wholesale houses. During the year 1889 progress in this direction was more marked than on any previous year,



RESIDENCE OF H. M. NORTHRUP.

the two cities, facilitates this manner of living to the fullest extent.

The tradesmen of the city all speak of the past year with words of praise, as times have been good, and their trade increased by new population. Fewer failures are to be recorded against Kansas City, Kas., according to the population and capital employed, than any other city in the West.

The manufacturing enterprises of the city are well located, and prosperity has been the portion of every one of them from their incipency to the present. One peculiar fact of all such establishments located in the metropolis of Kansas is that, no matter how small they have started, there is not one of them but has been enlarged to meet greater demands.

MANUFACTURING.

Kansas City, Kas., is pre-eminently a manufacturing center, and it is to the fostering of this industry that her present proud position of the foremost city in the State is due. Her natural facilities as a site for large factories and shops

and 1890 promises to outstrip its immediate predecessor.

The total capital employed by the forty-two concerns in the county, reporting, foots up \$12,118,000. The value of product for the year was \$36,300,595; cost of material used, \$32,288,938; amount paid for labor, \$2,454,817; amounts paid for rent, interest and taxes, \$113,533. The average number of hands employed during the year was: Men, 4,394; women, 276; and boys, 266; a total of 4,936. The value of product of one of our packing houses alone was \$15,269,300; and the cost of material, \$14,244,000. This sum was paid largely to the stock growers of Kansas.

Six packing houses show a capital of \$7,950,000; a produce valued at \$33,291,300; cost of material, \$30,905,404; and of labor, \$1,768,800. There are ten foundries with a capital of \$618,000, and their output for the year was \$1,048,000. Six planing mills turned out \$185,268 worth of material; two clothing factories produced nearly a quarter of a million dollars' worth of clothing. One smelter (and that the largest in the world)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

with a capital of \$2,000,000, produced precious metal valued at \$18,000,000.

The various industries and the number of each in the county is herewith given: Cement works, 2; corrugated iron, 1; radiator works, 1; silver smelter, 1; terra cotta works, 1; brick clay, 4; basket and box factories, 3; broom factories, 3; clothing factory, 1; cooperage, 2; desiccating works, 3; foundries and machine shops, 6; gas works, 1; harness factory, 1; hay stackers, 1; oil, 1; packing houses, 8; planing mills, 3; soap factories, 3; soda water factory, 1; stock yards, 1; vinegar works, 2; wagon shop, 1; wooden ware company, 1; iron bridge works, 2; wire works, 1; flour mills, 2.

The glory of Kansas City, Kansas, is the packing house industry, and standing as she does, second in the whole country in the volume of business transacted, and with every chance and prospect of overhauling and dethroning Chicago in the next ten years, she has reason to be proud of it. During the past year the progress of this great industry has been unchecked. The business of the mammoth establishments that are located here has gone on steadily increasing from month to month, and despite the adverse condition of trade throughout the country during certain periods of 1889, the business in all its branches has not diminished in any point or particular, everything showing a steady, healthy and most gratifying increase. More cattle, sheep and hogs have been slaughtered than ever before; more dressed beef has been shipped from this city across the ocean than in any previous year, and every product of the packing houses has been greater than at any time in their history. Wonderful, even phenomenal, for this great center, has been the increase in this particular branch, despite the efforts of the Kansas and Missouri Legislatures and the jealous municipalities throughout these States to kill it. The legislative efforts were nipped in the bud, and Judge Brewer dealt the local inspection laws, passed by so many cities, a death blow in Topeka during the early part of December, when he declared all such measures unconstitutional. During the year 1888 there were shipped from this city 141,414,100 pounds of dressed

beef. This was thought at the time to be enormous, but this year 215,387,100 pounds of beef were sent over the country, an increase of 73,973,000, or over fifty per cent in one year. The receipts of dressed beef at this point from surrounding cities also tell a wonderful tale of the greatness of this city as a shipping point for this commodity. Last year but 180,000 pounds were received here; this year the receipts were 4,966,000. The dressed beef business is causing a decided falling off in the canned beef trade. In 1888, 155,000 pounds of canned beef were received here; this year not a single pound was received. Last year 2,721,354 pounds of canned beef were shipped from here; this year but 1,033,350 pounds left this city.

The following table shows the

RECEIPTS FOR 1888 AND 1889:

	1888, lbs.	1889, lbs.
Fresh beef	180,000	4,966,000
Mess beef	64,000	90,000
Canned beef	155,000
Bacon	17,931,650	30,777,500
Mess pork	403,000	274,000
Lard	2,613,000	2,901,000
Tallow	1,468,810	666,000
Oleomargarine
Total	22,815,460	39,674,500

SHIPMENTS FOR 1888 AND 1889.

	1888, lbs.	1889, lbs.
Fresh beef	141,414,100	215,387,100
Mess beef	433,000	2,038,000
Can beef	2,721,354	1,033,350
Bacon	259,914,315	243,052,940
Mess pork	3,144,200	9,605,000
Lard	12,270,742	12,190,500
Tallow	7,401,200	12,092,000
Oleomargarine	6,000,000	10,000,000
Total	463,298,911	535,398,890



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

The city's packing record for 22 years is as follows:

YEAR.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Hogs.
1868.....	4,200		13,000
1869.....	4,420		23,000
1870.....	21,000		36,000
1871.....	45,543	614	83,000
1872.....	20,500	660	180,000
1873.....	26,549	1,663	175,000
1874.....	42,226	1,901	70,300
1875.....	26,372	7,568	74,474
1876.....	29,765	32,369	114,869
1877.....	27,863	14,004	180,857
1878.....	18,756	6,529	349,090
1879.....	29,141	13,375	366,837
1880.....	30,922	14,917	530,097
1881.....	46,350	18,770	857,823
1882.....	65,116	28,056	749,083
1883.....	74,314	57,201	1,056,116
1884.....	66,250	131,241	1,114,450
1885.....	78,963	107,332	1,529,415
1886.....	101,489	89,163	1,701,908
1887.....	160,551	106,365	1,884,907
1888.....	461,252	181,864	1,605,000
1889.....	490,388	200,200	1,715,000
Total.....	1,799,820	1,013,425	13,715,720

great city. Among others she has resolved to to make herself a center for distributing fruits and produce.

With this in view a large market house has been erected at the corner of Tremont Street and Reynolds Avenue, where every article of production within the limits of travel can have a value placed upon it and be receipted for in gold. Only a portion of the structure is at present in existence, as it has been thought best to enlarge the edifice, as its capacity was taxed, and, though at present large enough to meet present uses, it is safe to say that another wing will necessarily be added within a year. The present building is 100x40 feet, while the whole building in contemplation is to occupy space to the extent of 100x300 feet, giving Kansas City, Kas., the largest market house in the West. The perfect system of railway facilities makes it reliably secure that Kansas City, Kas., is to be the produce mart for the whole country around, where any article of vegetation may be had regardless of season or scarcity.

One of the most enterprising wholesale fruit



STOCKYARDS.

The stockyards record is equally resplendent with the packing interests. The receipts at the yard since 1871 are as follows:

Year.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Cars.
1871....	120,827	41,036	4,527	809	6,623
1872....	236,802	104,638	6,071	2,648	13,110
1873....	227,689	221,815	5,975	4,022	14,603
1874....	207,080	212,532	8,855	3,679	13,379
1875....	174,754	63,350	25,327	2,646	9,008
1876....	153,378	153,777	55,045	5,339	11,692
1877....	215,768	192,645	42,190	4,279	13,958
1878....	175,344	427,777	36,700	10,196	16,583
1879....	211,415	584,908	61,682	15,829	23,702
1880....	244,709	676,477	50,611	14,086	22,704
1881....	285,863	1,014,904	79,924	15,592	25,089
1882....	439,671	936,036	80,724	11,716	34,668
1883....	460,750	1,379,401	119,655	18,860	45,470
1884....	533,526	1,723,586	237,964	27,163	55,227
1885....	506,627	2,358,718	221,801	24,506	63,213
1886....	490,971	2,264,484	172,659	33,158	58,924
1887....	669,224	2,423,262	209,956	29,690	67,752
1888....	1,056,086	2,008,984	351,050	27,650	14,666
1889....	1,229,461	2,083,539	369,645	34,115	84,435
Total.....	7,669,975	18,901,270	2,140,373	234,793	655,882

The average weight of hogs received here shows a steady increase. The average weight in 1889 was 231 pounds, against 216 in 1888.

KANSAS CITY, KAS., AS A PRODUCE MARKET.

This city aspires to commercial greatness in everything conducive to the up-building of a

and vegetable dealers in Kansas City, Mo., said recently, in declaring his intention to build a commission house near the new market house, that he paid out considerably more than two thousand dollars during the past year for drayage, that would have been saved had he been located near the same market in this city. The friends and supporters of the market house claim that within a few years it will be the leading vegetable and fruit market of the two cities. It is not expected to make it very much of a meat market, because the various packing houses of the city deliver to the doors of purchasers all the meats required.

GRAIN ELEVATORS.

As Kansas City, Kas., has come to rival Chicago as a cattle market, so is she ambitious to vie with her in handling grain. The Rock Island Railway has been the first to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the bottom lands for the erection of elevators, and this winter completed, at the intersection of Packard Avenue and its tracks, one of the largest elevators in the State, 40x100 feet, net capacity one hundred and twenty-five thousand bushels, at a cost of sixty thousand dollars. It will not be used for storage purposes but simply for transfer business. The location is excellent for convenient transferring, and the connections with other roads from the interior of Kansas and switching facilities are good.

One of the wealthiest men of Kansas City, Mo., has under contemplation the erection of an elevator, to cost \$300,000, on a piece of property he owns between the Keystone Iron Works and the yards of the Missouri Pacific Railway. The building will be stupendous in size, and will be fitted with the most improved machinery of the age. The old screen process for loading and unloading cars will be done away with, and the "suction" process adopted. It will be ready, it is hoped, for 1890 crops.

RAILWAYS.

All the great railroads of the West—the Burlington, Wabash, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific,

ized on a million dollars capital, with some of the ablest men of the two cities on its directory. The road is sixteen miles long, and follows the edge of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers three-fourths of its length; for the other fourth it crosses country north and south, about three miles distant from the mouth of the Kaw, its easternmost point. The road is double track, standard gauge; it will give special attention to sidings for factories; it touches all the eight packing-houses; it opens up the North Missouri River bottoms for manufacturing. Across the Missouri River, on the north, it makes direct connection with all the railroads from the north-



ORPHAN'S HOME.

Fort Scott & Memphis, Santa Fé, Chicago & Alton, Rock Island, St. Paul, Kansas City & Northwestern, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and Kansas City & Southern—run in here. The Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, Union Pacific, Kansas City Western & Northwestern, and Santa Fé have immense machine shops (employing some three thousand five hundred hands) here. These roads have also large terminal facilities here, which they have, from time to time, enlarged. They all connect with the belt line, running over from Kansas City, Mo., and along this line most of the factories at present are located. These freight facilities are, however, quite inadequate to meet the demands of the unparalleled increase in manufacturing. The cry is, more freight terminal facilities, less delay at Kansas City, Mo., in shunting and handling freight.

There are now seventeen bridges crossing the Kaw River between the two Kansas Cities, some of them railroad bridges, some wagon roads, others for electric and cable cars, while others again are exclusively used for driving over hogs and cattle from the stockyards to the packing-houses. The greatest of all the railroad enterprises is yet, however, to come, in the shape of the Circular Railroad, which is to encircle Kansas City, Kas. This company has been organ-

ized on a million dollars capital, with some of the ablest men of the two cities on its directory. The road is sixteen miles long, and follows the edge of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers three-fourths of its length; for the other fourth it crosses country north and south, about three miles distant from the mouth of the Kaw, its easternmost point. The road is double track, standard gauge; it will give special attention to sidings for factories; it touches all the eight packing-houses; it opens up the North Missouri River bottoms for manufacturing. Across the Missouri River, on the north, it makes direct connection with all the railroads from the north-

west and northeast, and, on the south, crossing the Kansas River at Argentine, it will connect with all the roads coming from the southeast and southwest. It will also run passenger trains every half hour, passing through nine additions of the city. It will convey fuel and building material to the doors of the factories located along its line, cheaper than is at present dreamt of. Closely connected with this are the reclamation projects, which have behind them men of big brain and unlimited means and influence. The Van Aiken, or Union Depot scheme, is to span the Missouri River with a four-track steel bridge, from a point on the Kansas City, Kansas, levee to the Missouri side in Clay County. The company has obtained the right to a large portion of the river front, where it will reclaim the now half-submerged land by a series of dykes. Another company working conjointly with the above will build an immense bridge over the mouth of the Kaw, and reclaim some one hundred and sixty acres of now waste land from the two rivers. These two projects, when properly under way, will give Kansas City, Kas., the most magnificent freight terminal facilities and the finest passenger depot in the West. It will relieve much of the crush and crowding

now to be seen every day in Kansas City, Mo., both in handling freight and passenger traffic. All the large railroads are in favor of it, and are ready to cross both bridges whenever built. If brains and money will do it, the gentlemen at the back of these schemes will accomplish it in short order, if not hampered by legal and political delay. Any one who has looked at the marvelous growth of Kansas City, Missouri, will see when these projects are completed, her counterpart on the Kansas side of the line.

In concluding this article on railroads, we ought not to forget to make mention of the enterprising Northwestern road, which has been in the last year extended to Beatrice, Nebraska. The road ends in Kansas City, Kansas, and passes through some of the best towns in Kansas and Nebraska. The Rock Island, with its usual spirit of progress, spent last year \$1,250,000 in local improvements, including a bridge across the Kaw, a round-house for twenty-four locomotives, a freight depot, side-tracks and the elevator other where spoken of.

TAXES.

It is the custom of these newspapers, which have a circulation in Kansas, that can not see any good in shutting down the saloon, to attribute evils and troubles visiting them, or visiting the State, to the cause of prohibition. Give us back whisky, they cry, and we will have dull times no more. Now, although no doubt drought influences, in some measure, the consumption of spirituous liquor both in and out of Kansas, yet we fail to see how the free sale of whisky would affect the rainfall or increase the yield of corn to the acre.

Here is what an anti-prohibition paper says of Kansas City, Kas., and the answer given:

"In Kansas City, Kas., taxes amounted to 60 mills; in Kansas City, Mo., they amount to 11. One is the home of 300 joints, the other a live, bustling city that collects \$400,000 annually from saloons patronized by Kansans."

Answer:

In Kansas City, Kas., the rate of taxation, state, county and city, is 45 mills, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In the former city of Wyandotte the rate is 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills; in the former city of Armourdale the rate is 40 9-10 mills; in the former city of Kansas City, Kas., the rate is 42 6-10 mills. The average for the three portions which compose Kansas City, Kas., is 45 mills, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the assessed valuation.

In Kansas City, Mo., the rate of taxation, State, county and city, is 23 mills, composed of a tax of 12 mills for county and State purposes, and a tax of 11 mills for city purposes. The *Kansas City News* says:

"The assessed value of the city this year (1890) will be, according to the best calculation of the assessor, about \$100,000,000. The present tax rate is \$2.30 on the \$100, for city, county and State purposes. The rate may go as high as \$5 on the \$100, for all purposes, but no higher."

As to the three hundred joints, it would seem this is entirely exaggerated, as, being so near Missouri, it is a very small matter to step across the line and obtain all the liquor one wants without running the risk of being caught breaking the law. As to the saloons being patronized by Kansans, what, in Kansas City, Mo., is not pat-

ronized by Kansans? You are dependent on Kansas for your existence. Where do your investment companies put their money? In Kansas mortgages! Where do your banks do their business? In Kansas! To whom do your agricultural implement men and manufacturers sell their goods? To Kansas farmers! Who commands the largest credit from your jobbers? The cross-roads Kansas storekeeper. And Kansas also helps to support your saloons with pleasure. When a Kansan wants to get on a jolly good spree, and make a general ass of himself, if nothing worse, Kansas is desirous that he should get out of the State and do it, and when he is ready to repent of his folly and come back sober into the fold, she welcomes him. Only don't have him come among his wife and children till the abominable effects of drink have left him. Kansas can afford to lose his money, but not his brains. Kansas is not fighting the world to reform this generation so much as she wants the rising generation not to learn or acquire the habit of whisky drinking.

RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES.

The street car facilities of Kansas City, Kansas, are first-class, and will bear comparison with any city in the country. The "L" system has eight miles of double and sixteen miles of single track. The Metropolitan, two miles of double cable track and four miles of double track on the electric road that runs from the stockyards to Argentine. To this network of tracks much of the prosperity of the city is due, and it has done more than any one other thing to build up the residence parts of the city, and make them what they are. The business men of Kansas City, Missouri, can reside in the healthy and beautiful additions of this city, and in twenty-five minutes from the time they start can be at their desks across the State line.

It is probable that before 1890 becomes a thing of the past, that three other street car lines will be in operation in this city, full details of which are given below in this article.

THE "L" ROAD SYSTEM.

The most potent factor in the development of Kansas City, Kansas, has been the Inter-State Rapid Transit Railway, or as it is more commonly called, the "L" Road System. The road-bed of this system reaches out into every part of the city. Take the Union Depot as a starting point, the main line extends west along Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, to Riverview Station; hence, it extends north to Edgerton Place. This is the main division of the road, and is three and three-fifths miles in length. Connecting with the main line at Fifth Street and Virginia Avenue, is the Chelsea Park Division. This extends west to Chelsea Park, one of the prettiest spots on earth, a distance of two miles. From Riverview Station, the division of like name extends west to Grandview, a distance of one and four-fifths miles. The Kensington line, owned by a distinct corporation, connects the western terminus of the Riverview Division with the western terminus of the Chelsea Park Division, making a loop of the entire northwestern part of the city. The Kensington line is one and one-fourth miles in length. Return to the starting

point at the Union Depot. The Delaware Street and Tunnel Division, three-fourths of a mile in length, extends east through the tunnel to the center of Eighth and Delaware Streets, in Kansas City, Missouri. The tunnel is nine hundred feet in length, twenty-three feet high, and sufficiently wide for a double-track railway. This tunnel was constructed at a great expense to the company, the cost of it and the engine house, from which the cable is operated, being in the neighborhood of eight hundred thousand dollars.

The system has facilities for carrying fifty thousand passengers a day. The trains pass every seven minutes, and have no equals outside of the City of New York, in style and equipment.

The portion of the system which remains to be completed is the southern extension. This will be fully as important as any other part of it. A company known as the Consolidated City & Chelsea Park Railway Company has been chartered for the purpose of building this division. It will start from the Riverview station, extend down Fifth Street, along Euclid and Colorado Avenues, across the Seventh Street viaduct, down Seventh Street to Shawnee Avenue, east on Shawnee Avenue to Adams Street, thence north to Kansas Avenue, passing conveniently to the packing houses of Kingan & Co., and the numerous manufacturies which are located in this quarter of the city. From Riverview station to Adams Street and Kansas Avenue is two miles. Leaving this line at the corner of Seventh Street and Shawnee Avenue is another division. It will extend west on Shawnee Avenue to Mill Street, thence north to Kansas Avenue, thence west to the western city limits, thence southwesterly to the City of Argentine.

Last fall the company obtained the right to use a dummy on the Riverview branch, thus giving a through service from the Union Depot to this growing and beautiful suburb.

Among the other improvements made were the placing of new and improved switches at Eighth and Delaware Streets, the building of a shelter at the Union Depot, and the putting on of two special trains every evening for the accommodation of lady clerks and working girls.

THE METROPOLITAN.

This company operates cable lines in Kansas City, Mo. One of its main lines runs from Market Square, Kansas City, Mo., past the Union Depot to the west end of Minnesota Avenue, in Kansas City, Kas. It crosses the Kaw on a bridge of its own.

During 1889 the Metropolitan Street Railway Company has made two improvements in their system in this city that are of great importance. The old mule car line, that connected the north and south sides of the city via the stockyards, has become a thing of the past, and cars are now run by electricity. In the middle of December the Argentine extension was completed, and now cars run from the stockyards to Argentine, and for five cents one can ride from the end of Fifth, Twelfth or Eighteenth Street cables to that city. The south side branch was placed in operation last October, and it has double tracks

to Twenty-First Street. From that point to Argentine single tracks with switches are used, but the second track will be laid at an early day.

The system used is the Thompson-Houston, with overhead wires, and it is a decided success. The cars move along rapidly and smoothly, and make a trip in just about one-third of the time consumed by the mule. At night the cars are lighted from the wire that furnishes the force with which the car is propelled.

The cost of the two lines was in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars, but the company is undoubtedly making money, as the cars are crowded, morning, noon and night. Especially is the improvement welcomed by the people of Argentine.

THE NORTH AND SOUTH ELECTRIC LINE.

This is the principal street car line now under construction, and will run a double track from the Quindaro Boulevard, in the north end of the city, south on Seventh Street, over the new railroad viaduct into the Sixth Ward. Its route more exactly stated, is: Beginning at Seventh Street and Quindaro Boulevard, thence south to State Avenue, east to Fifth, south to Reynolds, west to Simpson, southwest to Seventh, south to Euclid; thence to and over Seventh Street viaduct to Kansas Avenue, east to Packard, north to Scott, east to Fourth, north to Berger, and then east to a point due north Adams Street extended. A branch of the line also to extend from Seventh Street, Kansas Avenue, west to the city limits.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC LINE.

The committee on franchises is now considering an ordinance granting to a street railway company franchises for a double-track electric line from Third Street and Minnesota Avenue, north and west to the Quindaro Boulevard, and then west and south, permeating a well-settled portion of the city.

State Labor Commissioner Betton has compiled statistics upon the street railway lines in Kansas. The report shows a total of 160 miles in operation in the State; amount of capital invested, \$4,067,667; number of men employed, 705; amount paid for wages per annum, \$43,638.36. While Kansas City, Kas., stands third in the list, with 12½ miles of double track street railway, yet of the \$4,067,667 of the capital invested in the State \$1,931,122, almost one-half, is invested in Kansas City, Kas. Topeka has 47 miles of railway in operation with only \$915,000 of capital employed. Wichita, with 35 miles, has \$400,000 invested; Fort Scott, \$200,000; Leavenworth, \$100,000; Arkansas City, \$100,000; Atchison, \$75,000. In the number of men employed, Kansas City again leads with 276, while Topeka reports 260. The next highest is Wichita, where 68 men are employed. The annual pay roll for labor is \$207,996.16 in Kansas City, Kas., and in Topeka \$140,470.52.

Commissioner Betton's report on Kansas shows only the mileage of street railway in operation in the city, not including that portion of the lines extending west of the city limits. The following is a tabulated statement of the mileage of Kansas City, Kas., street railway lines,

not including that portion extending across the State line into Missouri:

	Double track.	Total miles.
Main line "L" road.....	3.2	6.4
Brighton Hill and Chelsea Park.....	2.3	4.6
Riverview line.....	1.8	3.6
Metropolitan Cable.....	2.3	4.6
Metropolitan Electric.....	4.5	9.0
Kensington line.....	2.0	4.0
Total mileage.....	16.1	32.2

safe with these existing conditions. Then a circuitous route has to be taken, and much valuable time lost. The viaduct will obviate all these unpleasanties, and will do away with the loss of time and the danger incident to traffic. R. W. Hilliker, late president of the Board of Trade, gives the following as its probable direction: Starting from Fifth and Central Streets, using the Missouri Pacific viaduct, already in course of construction, then on a straight line across the Kaw River, over the stock pens on the other side of the river to the James Street viaduct, where a connection will be made. The struc-



RESIDENCE OF C. F. HUTCHINGS.

An item from a New York paper:

Kansas City, Kas., has a great street railway feature, and already affects a system unequaled by any city of her size in the United States in point of solid arrangement, construction and general accommodation. The elevated road, the only one west of New York City, is here in practical usage, forming the connecting link between the two great Western metropolises. The metropolitan system is one of the most extensive cable lines in the West, and controls and operates the best paying lines of the two cities. During the present year several new lines will be added to accommodate the great growth of the city.

THE INTER-STATE VIADUCT.

That the two Kansas Cities will eventually be connected by a viaduct extending from the bluff on the Kansas side to the bluff in Missouri, no one affects to disbelieve; but, while the matter has been talked of during the past few years, it is only during 1889 that any practical steps have been taken in this direction. The value of this important structure can not be overestimated to this city. At the present time it is a most difficult matter to go between the two cities without meeting obstructions of some nature. The great railroads, whose network of tracks covers the bottoms between the cities as the water covers the sea, furnish obstructions innumerable. The switches and side-tracks that cross the streets, beside being a nuisance to drive over, frequently block travel with freight trains. Not only are the delays unpleasant, but travel is none too

ture would then be headed for the Twelfth Street viaduct, which Kansas City, Mo., built several years ago, and which has only been used as a foot bridge. This could be utilized, and the structure would then go in the direction of the bluffs at Twelfth and Main Streets.

The structure would be of sufficient width to allow two lines of teams to pass, and would be cantilevered on each side for foot passengers. Men competent to talk on the subject declare that the entire viaduct could be constructed for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, including the bridge across the Kaw River. The distance from the Kansas bluff to the State line is about three thousand feet, while it is not so great from the Missouri bluff to the imaginary line that divides the two States. A number of approaches could and would be placed at convenient cross streets, and the heavy teaming from the wholesale houses of the bottoms to this city would be taken from the streets.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

Is an active body of over six hundred members, working and effective for the city's advancement. It has done much to establish Kansas City, Kansas, claims to possession of the great packing and other manufacturing interests which Kansas City, Missouri, would like the world to believe were hers, to mould the cities out of which Kansas City is built, into one, the dropping of old names, the obliteration of old landmarks, and securing in every way to the

city her just rights. By its solicitation, the packers now brand their goods Kansas City, Kansas. Telegraph, express, telephone companies and the post office now recognize the name. It assisted in the scheme of properly numbering and naming the streets to secure uniformity; it aided in the project of reclaiming the levee on the river front; it was influential in locating the Keystone Iron Works here, and also in opening up Oklahoma Territory it took a prominent part.

Probably the most prompt and effective work

1884; it was then known as the Union Board of Trade of Wyandotte, old Kansas City, Kansas, and Armourdale. It was largely instrumental in bringing about a consolidation of the three cities in 1886. Aside from this it was not particularly active until 1887, when it began the useful career that has been briefly sketched above. The board occupies new quarters in the *Gazette* Building, of which it occupies the third story. They have been nicely fitted up, and form a commodious and comfortable meeting place for the organization, and for the business



RESIDENCE OF WINFIELD FREEMAN.

lately done by the board was in the matter of securing a favorable ruling from Secretary Windom in the matter of tariff rates on importations of silver and lead ores from Mexico into the United States. This favorable decision was of great advantage to the great smelter at Argentine, and the one being built at the new town of Lovelace. An attempt was being made by the Colorado mining interests to obtain a ruling which would virtually prevent the importation of Mexican ores. This would have been a blow at the smelting interests at this point, which, to be operated successfully, must have access to the ore markets of Mexico. If the precedent thus established is maintained, and it no doubt will, it will result in this point becoming the greatest smelting and refining center in the world.

During the past two years the board has succeeded in cultivating a friendly feeling between the business men of the two Kansas Cities that never existed before. They have on different occasions been the guests of the Commercial Club, and in turn have entertained the gentlemen from the Missouri side. In doing all this, and much more than is enumerated, they have given Kansas City, Kansas, a vast amount of advertising, which is resulting beneficially. The present Board of Trade was organized March 19,

men of the city and county, and visitors. Its regular meetings take place once a week.

REALTY RECORD.

No more gratifying indication of the substantial growth and prosperity of Kansas City, Kas., can be obtained than from a study of the record of real estate transfers for the year 1889. It speaks volumes for the stability of the city; it tells that the depression that unfortunately has visited other cities in the Western country passed this thriving municipality by; it declares that the prices placed on realty are not fictitious, but are based on the actual worth of the property, and it will also seek to silence the scoffer and those doubting Thomases who have been croaking from the time that Noah left the ark and found that he had to step in the mud instead of on dry land.

The feature about the year is that so many small sales have been made. It would seem that the mechanic, artisan and laboring man is providing himself with a home in the consolidated city. Outside and suburban property figures more largely in the transfers than anything else. It would be difficult to say that any one section of the surrounding suburban residence property was favored in this respect more than any other. It has been universal, and this

tendency to locate homes out where the air is pure and sweet, and where the festive soot and smoke does not soil everything, from the landscape down to collars and cuffs, is superinduced by the splendid system of rapid transportation that is now in operation, and by the paved and improved streets and roads.

The amount of property transferred in 1889, compared with the previous year, shows a decided gain, and nothing partaking of a boom craze. These transfers represent actual cash sales, the bulk of them being to parties having the intention of building.

PLATS FILED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1889.

Armourdale, (Block 140.)
 Alice Place.
 Argentine Heights.
 Burgard's Place.
 Barnes's Addition to Western Highlands, (Block 8.)
 Clinton Place.
 Comstock Place.
 Chelsea Park, (East ½ block 2.)
 Chelsea Park.
 Capron's Addition to Lovelace.
 Forest Park.
 Gray and Wood's Central Addition.
 Hafner's Addition to Kansas City, Kansas.
 House and Whitesell's re-survey of block 108, Wyandotte City.



ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING.

MONTH.	1889.	1888.
January	\$915,000	\$594,218
February	697,896	917,418
March	638,094	630,317
April	699,326	780,367
May	974,367	977,811
June	1,007,990	717,395
July	892,283	803,882
August	514,503	555,700
September	505,280	477,678
October	514,605	567,112
November	1,242,066	1,338,304
December	665,012	739,145
Total	\$9,365,424	\$9,118,852
An increase of		\$246,572

Kerr's Garden.

Lovelace.

Mullen's Addition to Kansas City, Kansas.

McDougall's Addition to Argentine.

Northrup's Addition to Kansas City, Kansas.

Nelson Place.

Potomac Heights.

Proebstel's subdivision to Argentine.

The Kansas Elevator's Addition to Armourdale.

Tennyson Heights.

Rockingham Place, (Block 10.)

Vance.

West End Addition to Argentine.

Western Highlands.

Woodlawn Addition to Kensington.

Wood's Addition to Gray and Wood's Central Addition.

West Kansas City, Kansas.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Between four million and five million dollars were expended in 1889 for new buildings in the

city, and three thousand, or even more, elegant structures grace lots that on January 1 were vacant and unadorned. This statement is based upon a thorough and systematic survey of the whole city, and from the records of the city treasurer's office. This estimate, although it may appear large to some, is not in the least overdrawn, but, if anything, is too small. To those, however, whose daily avocations take them to all parts of the city, and who have seen for themselves the wonderful increase in buildings from north to south and from east to west, the estimate will not seem far-fetched.

The class of buildings that have been erected

dollars have been expended in buildings on this street during the year, and the structures erected are as handsome and substantial as any to be found in the West. One noticeable feature is the westward tendency of the buildings, all of the new buildings of any size or importance having been put up west of Fifth Street. River-view and the South side have also come in for their share of new buildings and a vast amount of money has been expended in these localities.

The section of the city, however, in which the bulk of the building was done is north of Minnesota Avenue, and fully one thousand five hundred houses have been erected in that locality



SIXTH STREET SCHOOL.

in 1889 is far superior to any built prior to this time, that is, taken as a whole. There are cheap buildings, that have grown up as if by magic, and which would probably descend as rapidly as they arose if a healthy cyclone was to strike them, but the vast majority of structures erected, are substantial, well built and good looking. The old, and none too beautiful, plain box and "L" style has been relegated to that obscurity which it so richly merits, and houses and cottages of pretty design and pleasing exterior have taken their places. Not only are the outside improvements noticeable, but a wonderful change has come over the internal arrangement of the houses that are being built of late years in the city. They are modern in every respect, and by modern is meant that they are replete with the latest improvements, both artistic and useful.

In business houses the change has been equally as pronounced and remarkable. Minnesota Avenue a few, and a very few years ago, could boast of no office buildings that were such as should adorn a principal street of a city like this, but a vast change has come over the appearance of that thoroughfare, and especially in the last year. Nearly a quarter of a million

during 1889. The various additions that adorn that part of the city are this spring again fairly alive with carpenters, bricklayers, painters and plasterers. It is impossible to stand at any point without seeing from one to a dozen houses under process of construction. One of the factors that have done so much to build up and populate this part of the city is the excellent system of rapid transit with which it is blessed. The western and southwestern part of the city, the central and southern parts, have been blessed in the same manner, and wherever the street car goes, there the houses are springing up.

The houses and business buildings put up during the past year range in value from \$200 to \$130,000, but a fair estimate of the average value of each of the 3,000 structures erected would be \$1,700, making a total of \$4,200,000 expended in buildings during the year 1889. □

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

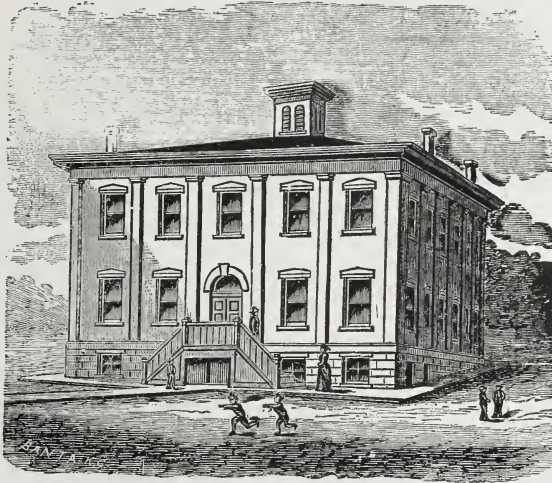
Grand figures are they that show nearly a half million dollars spent in obliterating the mud from the streets, placing instead the splendid asphalt or cedar block paving. Man is not known by the clothes he wears, yet a city is to be fairly judged by the streets she wears, and

so it comes about that in the onward march of irrepressible progress Kansas City, Kas., is perfecting her streets in a manner grand to behold. During the year 1889 the paving record reaches the enormous total of 35,235 feet, or 6 and 66-100 miles, for which the city paid in cash \$259,048.27. Streets, once hilly in spots, with the inevitable mud hole further on, have given place to veritable boulevards, wide avenues and beautiful streets. The past year has seen the following streets and avenues brought from disfigured homeliness into thriving and beauteous thoroughfares, well becoming the great metropolis of Kansas: Bridge Street, from Riverside Avenue to the Kaw River; Central Avenue, from Park to

The highest price paid for cedar blocking was on Bridge Street, between the west line of River-view and the Kaw River, it costing \$1.87 per square yard. The lowest price paid was \$1.25.4 per yard, and that was for paving Sixth Street, from Virginia Avenue to the Parallel Road, but in this case a plank foundation was used.

The curbing record this year is one of substantial increase, 32,539 feet, or 6.16 miles being placed in position at cost of \$30,343.11.

The sum total for grading for the year also includes 2,605 lineal feet of sewer and drainage pipe, costing \$4,791.96. The greater portion of this was used in grading Tenth Street, from Minnesota Avenue to the Parallel Road. This



WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

Eighteenth Street; Fifth Street, from Reynolds Avenue to Bridge Street; Freeman Avenue, from Sixth to Seventh Street; Kansas Avenue, from Railroad Avenue to the East Side city limits; Minnesota Avenue, from Fourth Street to Eighth Street; Ohio Avenue, from Seventh to Tenth Street; Osage Avenue, from Adams to Twelfth Street; Seventh Street, from Ohio to Central Avenue, and from Oakland to Parallel Avenue; Sixth Street, from Virginia to Parallel Avenue; Tauromee Avenue, from Sixth to Seventh Street; Orville Avenue, from Sixth to Seventh Street.

With three exceptions, cedar blocks have been the material used, and concrete was used as a foundation, with the exception of three jobs. Minnesota Avenue, from Fourth to Eighth Street was paved with asphalt at a cost of \$2.30 per square yard, or a total cost of \$45,539.65 for the entire job. Vitrified brick has been given a test on two streets, Tauromee and Orville Avenues, between Sixth and Seventh Streets. On Tauromee Avenue concrete was used as a foundation, and the cost per square yard was \$1.93, while on Orville Avenue brick was used, and the cost was \$1.98, a difference of 5 cents per yard. These streets will be watched with a great deal of interest by those interested in such matters, and the wearing qualities of the pavement closely noted. The highest price paid for grading was 23½ cents per cubic yard; the lowest was 8 cents.

job was nearly one mile in length, and before the street had been brought to grade, 144,630 cubic yards of earth were moved. The second largest grading contract was that of Washington Avenue, from Eighth to Thirteenth Streets. In this 138,682 yards of earth were moved, and 3,825 feet, or over three-quarters of a mile of street grade.

The era of sidewalk building in the city was during the past year, when nineteen and one-fourth miles were laid, costing \$33,639.19, thus running the grand total of street and sidewalk expenditures up to the stupendous amount of \$424,769.63.

The following is a summary of the total mileage and cost of street improvements during the year 1889:

	Miles.	Cost.
Paving.....	6.66	\$259,048.27
Grading.....	6.51	101,739.06
Sidewalks.....	19.04	33,639.19
Curbing.....	6.16	30,343.11
Total.....	38.37	\$429,769.63

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial affairs of Kansas City, Kas., are in an excellent condition. Her bonds, issued for the purpose of paying for special improve-

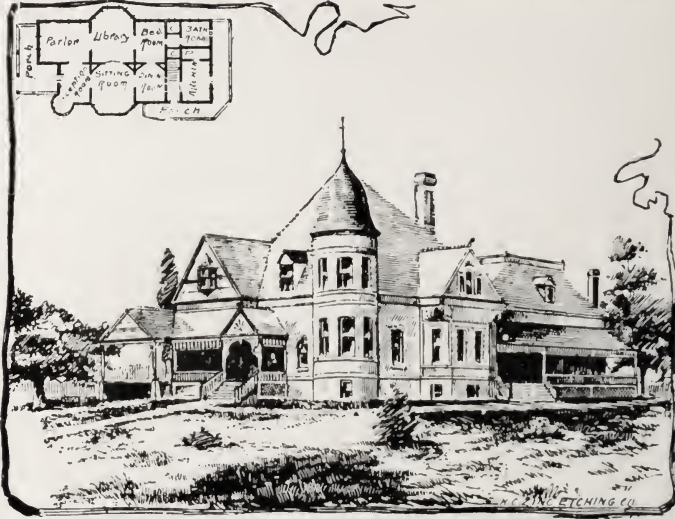
ments, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, find ready takers in the money market at a premium of from 2 to 2½ per cent. The entire bonded indebtedness of this city, including bonds aggregating \$170,000, issued by the former cities of Wyandotte and Kansas City, Kas., amounts to \$1,670,749.86. Of this amount over \$1,500,000 was issued in payment of special improvements, which are paid by the property holders in the several taxing districts where the work, for the payment of which the bonds were issued, was done. In most States, special improvement bonds do not enter into the debt statement of the city.

The assessed valuation of the property in Kan-

SPECIAL TAXATION.

In this city the cost of grading a street is borne by the property owners whose lots abut on the street improved. The cost of curbing and paving is borne by the property adjacent, extending to the middle of the block. In both cases the cost of the improvement is assessed against the property block by block. That is, each block pays for its own improvement. The cost of improving the cross-sections of the streets is paid by the city at large.

The interesting feature is the manner in which the improvement is paid for. When a street is improved, the city issues internal improvement bonds, running ten years, and bearing six per



RESIDENCE OF E. J. CAMP.

sas City, Kansas, is \$8,425,629.97. The average assessed valuation is considerably less than one-fourth of its real value. According to this estimate the market value of the property would be in round numbers, forty million dollars. Below is given the bonded indebtedness of the city:

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern	
Railway bonds.....	\$30,000 00
Viaduct and bridge.....	30,000 00
Special assessment and internal improvement bonds.....	1,464,044 00
Total issued.....	\$1,524,044 00
Special assessment bonds ordered issued and sold, but not registered.....	56,715 96
Total.....	\$1,580,760 80
Bonds redeemed.....	80,550 00
Bonded indebtedness.....	\$1,500,210 80

Wyandotte County stands third in the State in amount of property assessed for State purposes.

It will be seen that nearly all of the city's bonded indebtedness is for special improvements, which is not paid by the city at large, but by the property owners, in the taxing districts where the improvements were made. Outside of this the bonded indebtedness of the city is insignificant.

cent interest, for an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the improvement. These bonds are sold at the market price, ranging from \$1.01½ to \$1.02, and the contractor is paid out of the proceeds. This amount is apportioned and assessed against each lot, or parcel of land, according to its appraised value. The property owner may, if he chooses, pay the entire special tax assessed against his property as soon as it is apportioned, and save the interest, six per cent; or if he does not choose to do so, it is divided into ten equal installments, and assessed against his property as taxes. In this way he has ten years in which to pay for the improving of the street adjacent to his property. The special improvement bonds are assumed by the city. They form a part of the bonded indebtedness, and enter into the debt statements of the municipality. The law allows the tax-payer to pay one-half of his annual taxes on or before December 20 of each year, and the remaining half on or before June 20 of the following year—really divides the special taxes up into twenty semi-annual installments, still lightening the burden of special improvements.

BANKING REVIEW.

Ten good, sound, substantial banks are located in this city, with a combined capital of over one million dollars, and a paid-up capital of nearly nine hundred thousand dollars. The bank re-

ports show a healthy state of affairs existing among these institutions, which must be gratifying to all good citizens who have the welfare of the city at heart.

Capital paid-up.....	\$833,600
Surplus and undivided profits.....	172,097
Deposits.....	1,781,432

	PIECES HANDLED.	
Aggregate.....		3,707,739
Per carrier.....		337,522
	COST OF SERVICE.	
Aggregate.....		\$7,804.45
Per carrier.....		709.50
Per piece in mills.....		2.1
Postage on local matter.....		4,620.88



BLOMQUIST BLOCK.

The following is the cash capital of the ten local banks:

Northrup Banking Company.....	\$100,000
Stock Yards Bank.....	200,000
First National.....	100,000
Wyandotte National.....	100,000
Exchange National.....	51,000
Armourdale Bank.....	30,000
Citizens' Bank.....	25,000
Central Avenue Bank.....	27,600
Wyandotte Loan and Trust Company.....	100,000
Fidelity Savings Bank.....	100,000
Total paid-up capital.....	\$833,600

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

□ The annual report of the superintendent of the free delivery system contains the following information in regard to the carrier system in this city:

	DELIVERED.	
Registered letters.....	1,918	
Letters.....	1,113,613	
Postal cards.....	250,705	
Newspapers.....	677,438	
	COLLECTED.	
Local letters.....	62,720	
Mail letters.....	1,015,302	
Local postal cards.....	38,712	
Mail postal cards.....	218,793	
Newspapers, etc.....	328,793	

The above table only represents the carrier business, but when the office business is added the total will be:

	DELIVERED.	
Registered letters.....	2,657	
Letters.....	1,513,613	
Postal cards.....	333,705	
Newspapers.....	903,438	
	COLLECTED.	
Local letters.....	83,627	
Mail letters.....	1,353,736	
Local postal cards.....	49,616	
Mail postal cards.....	291,375	

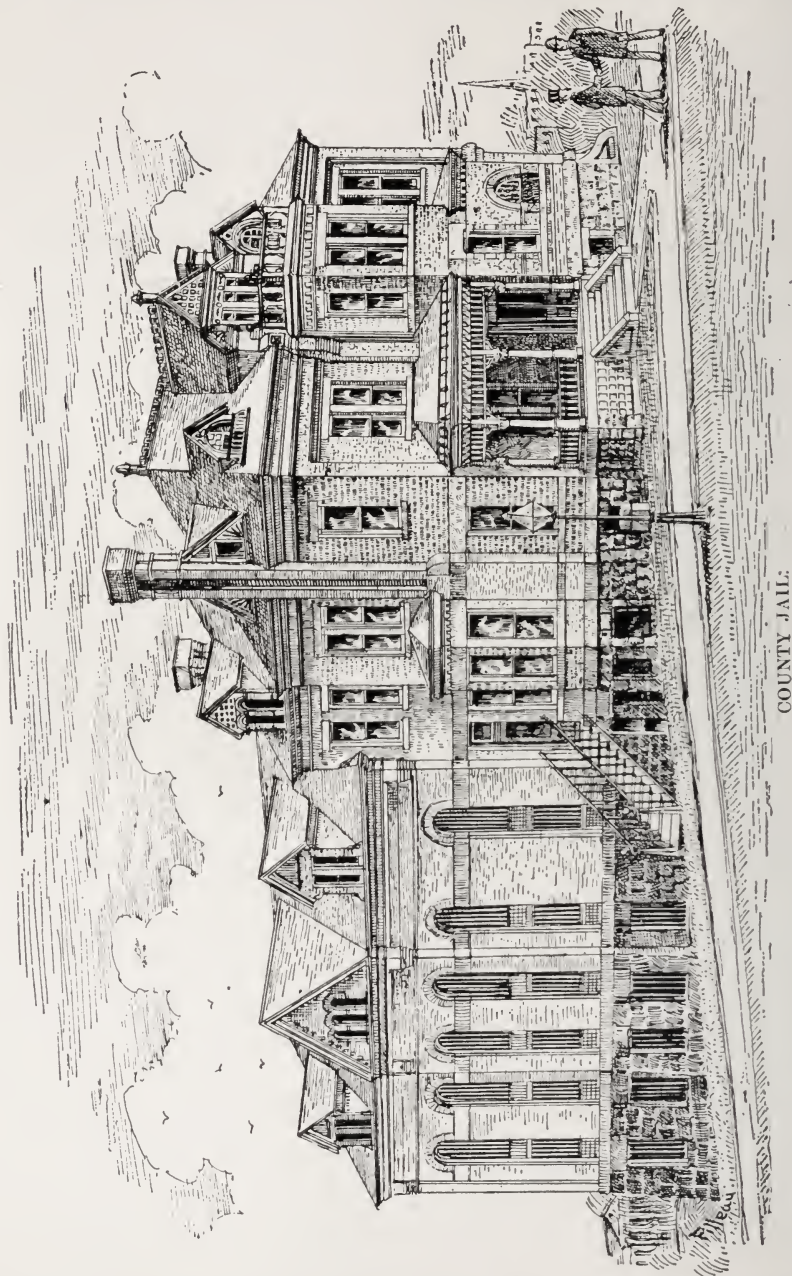
	PIECES HANDLED.	
Aggregate.....	4,943,736	

During the coming year, many important changes are expected to take place in the postal affairs of this city. A Government building will probably be erected in some central location, the free delivery system will be extended to the south side, and the mail for the stockyards and a number of the large packing houses, which now passes through Station A, Kansas City, Mo., will be handled from this office, where it legitimately belongs, thereby increasing the volume of mail business in this city.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The people of Kansas City, Kas., are protected by a corps of metropolitan police, who, under the direction of a chief peculiarly fitted by a

between the Kansas police and these crooks, but this last winter quietness and order have not been disturbed, and the police now seem to know exactly their movements and their hiding



life's education to this position, have acquitted themselves most creditably. They have had much to contend with, the city being spread over so much ground, and being so near Kansas City, Mo., whose professional criminal class fly into Kansas to evade the officers of the law. Some very exciting incidents have taken place

places. The force consists of twenty-four patrolmen, two detectives, five duty sergeants, captain, sanitary sergeant, jailer and a patrol wagon driver. The reins of the executive department are skillfully handled by the police judge. The number of patrolmen, it is expected, will this year be increased to thirty, and some mounted

men added. The police of the city is self supporting, owing to the efficiency and intelligence with which department is generated.

THE NEW COUNTY JAIL

Is one of the most substantial improvements acquired during the past year. The building cost thirty thousand dollars. It is a three story structure, fronting forty-nine feet on Seventh and 123 on State Street. It is constructed entirely of cut stone, brick and iron, and the generous use of hammered glass, and a mansard roof, lends beauty to the building. The basement, at present the only floor laid off in cells, is sufficient to confine one hundred prisoners. The total capacity of the jail when finished will be for four hundred prisoners. The cells are constructed with a good quality of chrome steel grated cages. Each cell is 6½x8 feet, holding four prisoners comfortably. The cages are in two rows, with no entrance towards the outside corridor; between the two rows of cells is a prisoner's corridor, at one end of which are two bath-rooms and closets for the use of the imprisoned. By the arrangement of locks in order to effect an escape, it is necessary to break five locks. The entrance to the prisoner's corridor is by a rotary cage. Besides the steel cages are cells for women, and padded cells for the insane. The sheriff's residence, hospital and jailer's apartments are well furnished and equipped. An underground passage goes from the jail to the court house. Two boilers in the basement heat the building and also the court house.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire service of the city is particularly well equipped and efficient, and is a source of great comfort to the property owners and insurance men. It is composed of four companies, four hose carts and one hook and ladder crew. There are seventeen firemen in regular service, who, with the chief and three watch-boys, compose the aggregation that has saved many millions of dollars of property. With so many factories the fire risk here is considerable, but with the exception of several large fires among these, the city has been in the last year very free from fires. The resident and retail business part of the city is on the hills, while the manufacturing interests are in the low land along the river. The new chief of the department, since he came in, has brought it to an efficiency leaving nothing to be desired. He has added several patents of his own invention. The total cost of apparatus in use cost the city \$20,000. The combined hook and ladder truck is the chief's own invention; the automatic harness-holders, non-electric, are considered the best in the country. The department owns 4,250 feet of hose. There are three stations; ten horses, valued at \$3,000. The firemen earn their pay by honest effort, and, at intervals, go through regular drill, gaining all possible accuracy and proficiency in handling their apparatus. The expense of keeping up the department is \$18,000 annually.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The city on the 10th February, 1889, was transformed from an ill-lighted city to one that was illuminated from border to border; darkness was changed into light, gas jets and gasoline lamps

were relegated to obscurity, and the dazzling refulgence of two hundred arc lights was shed over the city. A sketch of the electric light company and its officers is given in another part of our book. The city pays about 30 per cent less for its lights than any other Western town; it averages about ninety dollars per light per year.

WATER WORKS.

The National Water Works Company, which supplies the two Kansas Citys, has this year extended its plant and increased its capacity far in excess of present requirements. Its main pumping house is located at the mouth of the Kaw. The daily pumping ability is thirty-seven million gallons. Its settling basins at Quindaro hold one hundred and fifty-eight million gallons. Its stand pipe in Kansas City, Kas., holds four million gallons and is higher than any of the houses; it has thirteen miles of water mains in the same city.

ST. MARGARET'S HOSPITAL—THE GOOD WORK THAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTION IS DOING.

St. Margaret's Hospital is an institution where charity, in its broadest and fullest sense is exemplified, and to it the citizens of Kansas City, Kansas, can point with pardonable pride. The hospital was started about five years ago, and the buildings erected then cost \$35,000. Last year an addition costing about \$8,000 was added, and another wing, similar in construction, will complete the front part of the building. There are now rooms for 120 patients.

The house is under the charge of the "Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis," whose mother house is in Cincinnati, they having settled in this country about thirty years ago, coming from Wachen on the Rhine. The hospital is run on the most liberal and most charitable terms possible. An unalterable rule is, "never refuse admission to any patient as long as there is room—provided the sickness is not contagious." No distinction as to creed or nationality is made—room, and room only, is the question. Since its opening two years and a half ago, 3,300 patients have been treated. Of that number, as the records will show, hardly one hundred were able to pay their way; the rest were treated gratis. To enable the Sisters to do such an immense work of charity, they rely only on Divine Providence and the charity of the public. The city and county pay for the ambulant cases sixty-five dollars per day, including all expenses, i. e. about one-fifth what the patients would cost the city, if it had its own hospital. The citizens feel justly proud of this institution, and will ever be grateful to the founder, Rev. A. Kuhls. May it grow and prosper with our young and prosperous city.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

The public schools of Kansas City, Kas., bring up their portion of the grand advancement, and a remarkable showing is the result. For 1889, nineteen schools show an aggregate of six thousand pupils, while the fact remains that two thousand five hundred eligible children, in addition to this number, do not attend school. This would force the total up to eight thousand five hundred with a full attendance. To receive an accurate idea of the phenomenal growth of the

public school system of the city the statistics of 1887 should be considered, when less than two thousand one hundred scholars were enrolled, utilizing the efforts of forty teachers. At present one hundred twelve instructors are found to be absolutely necessary, showing a percentage of gain of 160 per cent in teachers, while the enrollment percentage is nearly two hundred, all of which has been accomplished within two years. It remains to be heard of whether or not these startling figures have ever been equaled by any city in the United States, after the city had attained a population of ten thousand. The amount paid in salaries to the teachers in aggregate reaches the sum of \$50,000. Other incidental expenses of the nineteen schools runs the total expenditure for the year up to \$68,000 in round numbers. Owing to the existing State laws the board of education has been subjected to most severe financial straits, and it was with difficulty that the present high percentages were kept in place, by reason of this lack of funds. During the year about \$80,000 of the building fund has been absorbed by new sites and school edifices.

The location and description of school property is given in the following table:

<i>Schools owned by the board.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Description.</i>
Central.....	Huron Pl ce.....	9-room brick
High School...	Seventh and Ann.....	10 " "
Everett.....	Everett, bet. 4th and 5th.	8 " "
Lincoln.....	State and 6th.....	9 " "
Wood.....	Wood, bet. 5th and 6th..	8 " "
Armourdale.....	Eighth.....	12 " "
Morse.....	Twenty-First.....	4 " "
Reynolds.....	Ridge Av., bet. 11th and 12th.....	4 " "
Long.....	Sixth.....	8 " "
Bruce.....	Second and Armstrong.....	2 " frame
Barnett.....	Barnett, bet. 10th and 11th.....	3 " "
Riverview.....	Seventh.....	8 " brick
McAlpine.....	Parnell Av., bet. 8th and 9th.....	2 " frame
Armstrong.....	Colorado Av.....	2 " brick
Stewart.....	Ninth and Quindaro.....	1 " "
Greyston.....	Greystone Addition.....	No building.
Douglas.....	Washington, bet. 9th and 10th.....	6-room brick
London H'g'ts	Whiteside and Wiltz Av.	6 " "
<i>Rented.</i>		
Greystone.....	Greystone Addition.....	2-room frame
Phillips.....	Illinois Av.....	1 " "
London H'g'ts	Ninth and Jersey.....	5 " "

The course of study pursued is definitely outlined by weeks' work and is very uniformly and successfully carried out by an efficient corps of teachers. The principal difference is perhaps in the course of study in numbers. What may be called the combination method has been introduced by the board of education, and is being successfully taught in all the schools. The results are that pupils add, subtract, multiply and divide rapidly and accurately, doing away with the old-fashioned method of counting on fingers, etc., and being in the end more times wrong than right.

THE CHURCHES OF THE CITY.

The citizens of Kansas City, Kas., have reason to feel proud of the churches that the city contains. Every denomination is represented, and

many of the edifices are as handsome and complete as can be shown in any city in the West.

St. Paul's Episcopal has one hundred and eighteen families in its parish, one hundred and twenty scholars and twelve teachers in its Sunday school. The value of its church property is \$38,815.

The First Congregational Church was organized in 1853, and was for many years the church home of individuals and of families whose earlier associations were with other denominations. With the growth of the city many have gone out from the organization to aid other denominations. The present place of worship was erected in 1860. The church has purchased a new site, and has laid the foundation of a structure which, when completed, will be the finest in the city. The seating capacity will be twelve hundred, besides which is a social room and kitchen in the basement. The pastor's study is in one of the towers.

St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic church in the city, and was built in 1866 by its present rector, at a time when no one dreamed of the present prosperity of this city. Whilst four other churches or congregations have been taken from the mother church, it is already again too small, and the members seriously contemplate building a new church edifice that will be an ornament to the city. The congregation intends to sell the site of the present school and sisters' residence for the future custom house of Kansas City, Kas. In that event the new church will be built on the exact spot of the old one. With the present rector, in whose financial abilities people, regardless of creed, have an unbounded confidence, the face of Chapel Hill will undergo a wonderful change within the next few years.

The Gordon Place Methodist Protestant Church is only two years old, with a membership of eighty. It has a flourishing Sunday school, an eighty-five-dollar organ. The property is valued at \$5,000, all paid for. Beginning with only three members, its growth has been phenomenal. Its members have also planted three mission Sunday schools in important centers of the rapidly growing city, two of which are already large. At one of these three lots are secured by donation, on which a beautiful church edifice is now being erected, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

St. Anthony's Church is now too small for its congregation, who are erecting a new one, at a cost of \$45,000. The towers rise to a height of one hundred and sixty-five feet; in one will be the bells and four clock faces, looking to each point of the compass.

The Seventh Street Methodist is the oldest church in the city. From 1846 to 1887 the congregation worshipped on Minnesota Avenue. In the latter year was completed the present church and parsonage, at a cost of \$26,000. The membership is now one hundred and twenty-five, and two hundred Sabbath school attendants.

The Wyandotte Baptist Church was organized in 1882, with thirteen members. Addition was made to the chapel in 1888, to accommodate the increasing membership.



WYANDOTTE LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY'S BUILDING.

The Christian Church has also recently purchased lots, and will erect thereon a building large enough to seat their growing membership.

The Wood Street M. E. Church will seat four hundred people. It has a live Sunday school of one hundred and fifty scholars.

THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The pride of Armourdale citizens is its Catholic Cathedral, which is now being erected at a cost of \$40,000. It will be a truly magnificent structure, of cut stone, and, for the capacity, the finest in the State. The building will be 61x135, and, from basement to spire, two hundred and twenty-five feet high, with a bell weighing 2,500 pounds, completed inside with hard wood, oil finish. The basement is now completed, and services are now being held there. This, in the near future, will be used as a Sunday school, and the first story for services, which will have a seating capacity of 1,200.

BELT LINE SCHEME.

The Mardis-Thayer Street Railway Company is endeavoring to get franchises for a mammoth electric street railway line that would prove a rival to the Metropolitan system. For eight months Amos Mardis, the president of the company and a great railroad contractor of Hutchinson, has been at work in the two Kansas Cities, securing franchises. A short time ago the city council of this city granted the company a franchise for an electric line through the Sixth Ward to Argentine. There is also an ordinance in the box for an electric line joining with the Argentine line in the South Side, and then coming north over the Seventh Street viaduct to the Quindaro Boulevard. At an early meeting of the council an ordinance will be introduced for a line on State Avenue from Seventh Street to the east city limits, to connect with the proposed Seventh Street line.

It is understood that the new line is to act in conjunction with the Citizens' Street Railway, of Kansas City, Mo., giving it the outlet on Wyandotte Street which the Citizens' Railway has most needed to make it a paying investment. Starting at Tenth and Wyandotte, the new electric line will extend north to Fourth Street; thence west to the river, and along land which is now being reclaimed, to the mouth of the Kaw, where it will join the line in this city.

It is expected that an extension of the line from the Sixth Ward will cross the Kaw River into Missouri, south of Kingan's packing house, and return over the bluff, entering Wyandotte Street at the South, and return to the point of starting. The grand tour will cover twelve miles, double-track, and will require the construction of two bridges and a viaduct three thousand feet long. The viaduct alone will cost one hundred thousand dollars, and the engineers estimate that the entire system of twelve miles will cost a half million dollars. Boston capitalists have looked over the ground, and reported a

few days ago that they would take the entire bonds of the company at ninety cents on the dollar.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF KANSAS CITY, KAS.

The Husted Investment Company.

—In our general sketch of the Kansas metropolis, Kansas City, Kansas, we have shown that the



JAMES D. HUSTED, PRESIDENT OF THE HUSTED INVESTMENT COMPANY.

solid embryo of a city has existed here for more than one generation. In virtue of the superior location, a location in every way suitable for the site of a populous trade center, the earliest pioneers founded a trading post at Wyandotte, now one or two of the wards of this Kansas City. For years the rush of population overlooked the advantages and claims to consideration the city possessed, and only within the last few years have they been rightly recognized. In one decade it has risen from a village of 4,000 people to be the metropolis of one of the first State in the Union, its leading manufacturing center, largest and wealthiest town, and its most attractive city, from both a residential and business point of view. Lying dormant during the life of a whole generation, calmly overlooking, from its picturesque hills, the mingling of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers, suddenly, as if touched by an electric spark, it has grown into prominence and asserted its supremacy. Our readers naturally ask, why is this? The answer is in one word — HUSTED. The history of America has shown that *men*, not nature, make cities. Where brain, energy and capital are assisted by natural advantages, it is well; but where they are not, man's genius seems to overcome all difficulties. Kansas City has many natural advantages, and

in the last decade she has also acquired the brain, energy and capital. In that time some of the best intellects and richest men in the West have cast their lot in here, and, all active workers, have made her what she is, and will not stop till she is what nature and man have resolved she shall be—the great city of the Missouri Valley. Without reflecting upon others, we are compelled to note that James D. Husted and the Husted Investment Company are the most conspicuous names connected with the growth and enterprise of Kansas City, Kansas. The company came into existence on a paid-up capital of \$350,000, in November, 1888, as successors to the Fidelity Investment Company, together with the extensive business of James D. Husted, who had been operating in real estate here about eight years, first in Armstrong, moving to the Wyandotte portion of the city later. He acquired control of an immense amount of property, which, taken over by the company, has been improved to such an extent that a large per cent of the city's population are living now on what has been, at one time or another, Husted Investment Company land. The company built last year about two hundred houses; it has some dozen additions, all well located in the best parts of town. Those in the suburbs are reached by elevated, cable, and electric cars, none of them being over twenty-five minutes, ride (five cents) from the Union Depot and the chief centers of business. The company offers, on easy payments, the most reasonably-priced and best houses in the United States; in no place on this continent can you make for yourself a more comfortable home than in one of the Husted Company's houses in this city. It sells most of its residences on the installment plan, at about the same cost as rent; this method being especially attractive to those who work on salary. Its large capital and unlimited resources enable it to do this. The company will build a residence as the buyer wants, and give him five years to pay for it, at the end of which time he will find he has been paying rent to himself, and not to somebody else, besides having a property worth probably double its cost. The company has lots from \$400 up, for those who wish to do their own building.

Its facilities also for investing surplus funds at profitable rates of interest, secured by first mortgage on approved productive realty in Kansas, Missouri and the two Kansas Cities, are unsurpassed. Choice securities of that class, based on property at not more than two-fifths its appraised value, can usually be furnished on call, in amounts large or small, as investors may de-

sire. Those of \$250 to \$2,000 are found excellent for wage-earners and persons of limited means. The company conducts its affairs liberally, and is organized on a broad basis. It has the business well divided into separate departments, each with its competent head. Mr. Thomas H. Rowland, vice president and manager of the loan department, is an experienced financial man, and was secretary of the Fidelity Investment Company, up to the time of its merging in the present company. Mr. F. D. Coburn, second vice president, an ex-newspaper man, and formerly connected with and at the head of one of the State departments in Topeka, looks especially after the publishing and statistical division. The elegant stationery and books the company send out, are planned and prepared by him. Mr. Oliver R. Burnham, the secretary, is long experienced as an accountant, and a gentleman who wins friends among all those who meet him. Messrs. C. A. Albright, treasurer, and E. M. Smith, assistant secretary, though both young men, have a natural aptitude and training for large business affairs, and each stands high in his department. Mr. George J. Twiss is superintendent of construction, assisted by competent architects, draughtsmen and builders. In the general office are employed some twenty clerks, typewriters and stenographers. James D. Husted himself, (the president,) exercises a general supervision of affairs. Mr. Husted has been the life and soul of real estate activity in his city the last ten years. A native of Ohio, Mr. Husted commenced life as a telegraph operator, with the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R., and came to Kansas in '78, for the U. P. R. R. In 1880 he commenced in real estate. A man of little over thirty years, he is, though young, one of those who see the right thing to do, and have the courage to do it at the right time—men who find a wilderness and leave it a metropolis. He fully deserves the proud position and extended influence he has attained for himself and his company. Over head and ears in business he still finds time to take an interest in the general religious and social welfare, and has been three years at the head of the State Y. M. C. A., and is president of the board of trustees of the Emporia College, the leading Presbyterian school in Kansas. The rating of himself as a man, and of his company, is in every way of the best. Occupying as it does the magnificent six-story Husted Building, just completed this season, the company can justly claim, not only the finest building in the city, but office quarters that for arrangement and elegance are superior to any others of their kind in the whole State.

TO all persons who wish to make the largest profit in the shortest time: Come and examine for yourself a peculiar city, which is rapidly growing. You will naturally take the Elevated Street Railway from the Union Depot and go west. The cars will halt at State line. Here you strike Central Avenue. On your right hand is located Armour's immense packing establishment, on the left the Union Stockyards. Now, you are crossing the Kansas River, on the Central Avenue bridge. At Riverview Station, three-fourths of a mile from State line, you leave the cars, to look around. Taking a transfer ticket, which will carry you to Armourdale, or the entire length of Central Avenue, you will here be struck with the easy grade of Central Avenue, as it stretches west one and one-half miles, paved the whole distance; also Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Streets, run from Central Avenue, north and south. Seventh Street is paved for three miles; grades of all property adapted to the highest needs of business. You can here enter a sewer and walk three-fourths of a mile. Here you will see the new process for switching cars into the basement of stores, on a large scale, where goods can be handled more cheaply than by the old plan of having the cars stand in the street or alley. Think of an immense wholesale business, without a train, or a car, in any street or alley. All favorable to comfort and increased profits.

At the Central Bank you will be directed to the new Market House. Plans are now being carried into execution, which will make this market the most complete of any yet constructed in the United States. Carloads of produce, from fourteen different railroads, will here be switched into the basement of different stores, safe from the influence of extreme heat or cold, or stormy weather, leaving the streets and alleys for teams. This will be the annex to the Market House.

Any information in reference to the sale of lots, with switch privileges, or, for stores with tracks into them, can be had from the agent of the Central Switch Company. The Central Avenue Improvement Company will erect business houses for parties wishing for time. The highlands, between the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, together with the bottom land upon the Kansas River and their natural relation to each other, afford the new city advantages, which the combined effort of the east side has not overcome, and it can not. The State of Kansas will have what belongs to her—a great city. The wonders of the east side will be but a prelude to what has, and is coming to the west side. The first shall be last, and the last first.

CENTRAL AVENUE.

Where is it? It is the main business street, two and one-half miles long, running east and west through the center of the Consolidated City.

What is it? It is the street from which all street numbers commence, running north and south. It is the street near which is located Armour's great packing house, the Consolidated Electric Light plant, and the extensive buildings of the Keystone Iron Works.

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Now is the time to invest while property is selling at *reasonable* rates on Central Avenue.
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Exchange Bank, 427 Minnesota Avenue.—The system of banking, as it exists to-day, is the outgrowth entirely of modern civilization.



I. D. WILSON, PRESIDENT.

The nations of antiquity used oxen as a basis of wealth and medium of exchange, and it was not till a metal coinage had been in use in Europe over fourteen centuries that a proper system of banking was introduced. This occurred in the



A. W. LITTLE, CASHIER.

establishment of the Bank of Venice in 1157 as a necessity of the extension and expanse of commerce of that period. The bank remained for a long time to pay and receive payment strictly in specie. The Bank of Barcelona, established 1401, was the first to negotiate bills of exchange. This led to the introduction of paper money, based on a specie security, the Bank of England taking the great step of issuing notes secured on the national credit. Republican France and Republican America, however, with their immense trade and commerce, issued bills on an extensive scale, and in our own country bills form almost solely the medium of exchange. Kansas City is proud in possessing a class of very cautious, honorable and able bankers, and its banks are most substantial and solid. In this respect the Exchange Bank and its officers call for

prominent notice, in any work wishing to show how our city has such a splendid financial reputation, and is the banking center of the State. The bank opened its doors on the 2d day of January, 1889, and has from the commencement done a rushing business. Though a new institution, its founders were already well known in the monetary circles of our city and State. I. D. Wilson has been in banking since he settled here in 1832. He organized the First National Bank in this town, and was at the head of it till he resigned to become president of the Exchange. He is a native of Illinois, and early embarked in dry goods in his native County, Coles, as Wilson Bros.; he was many years of the wholesale grocery firm of Ricket, Phillips & Wilson, of Chicago, and later was in milling in Wisconsin, before he came to Kansas, where he holds the solid confidence of the best people. Chas. Lovelace, vice president, is a large capitalist. He is a pioneer settler of Wyandotte County; he built the smelter at the Town of Lovelace, where he has large landed interests. A. W. Little, the progressive cashier, is a most popular gentleman, and has been prominent in banking in Kansas for the last eight years. A typical son of Kentucky, he came to Kansas ten years ago, settling at Medicine Lodge, where he was of the firm McNeal, Little & Thompson, who were succeeded by the Citizens National Bank. He is of the firm McNeal-Little Banking Company, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; also a director in the First National at Medicine Lodge, and president of the Armourdale Bank. These gentlemen give their entire time to their institution, in whose success they take great pride, and are well assisted by a polite corps of tellers and bookkeepers. The following statement, after a year's existence, shows the remarkable prosperity the institution enjoys:

JANUARY 14, 1890—RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$149,779 38
Bonds and stocks.....	28,221 74
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,087 05
Overdrafts.....	36 60
Due from other banks.....	94,985 21
Cash on hand.....	17,041 78

\$291,151 75

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	51,000 00
Surplus.....	2,520 00
Undivided profits.....	920 75
Dividend No. 2.....	2,550 00
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	200 00
Due other banks.....	5,230 84
Due depositors.....	228,730 16

\$291,151 75

The bank transacts a general business, loans at low rates of interest, makes collections in any part of this country or Europe, pays interest on time deposits, and is specially noted for the consideration and liberality it shows its patrons and regular customers.

American Land and Trust Company.—Shrewd business men are rapidly recognizing the growing importance of Kansas City, Kas., as a business center; a fact demonstrated by the number of large and responsible concerns that have been organized during the past year, having this city as their headquarters. Among them is the American Land and Trust Company, with a capital stock of one million dollars, and a directory made up of the following well-known

and responsible gentlemen: W. R. Stebbins, of New York City; Emerson Brooks, of Stamford, Ct.; D. R. Emmons, F. D. Mills and C. M. White, of Kansas City, Kas. The officers are W. R. Stebbins, of New York, president, a gentleman well known throughout the West, and heavily interested in banking and financial enterprises, being president of the First National Bank of Billings, Mont., vice president of the First National Bank of Buffalo, Wyo., and a director in several others. The vice president, O. D. Hall, formerly cashier of the Commercial Bank of Waterville, Kas., and the secretary and treasurer, C. M. White, late cashier of the First National Bank of Buffalo, Wyo., are men of ten years' experience in Western securities, and well qualified to fill the responsible positions which they hold in the company. The attorneys and counsel for the company is the well-known law firm of Mills, White & Wells, formerly of Atchison, Kas., who stand at the head of the profession in this State as land-title and corporation attorneys. They have long been attorneys for several of the leading railroad companies, and connected with the handling and disposition of large land-grants. The gentlemen comprising the management have had an extensive and successful experience in Western securities and the handling of farm lands, having bought and sold out to actual settlers 65,000 acres of the Central Branch of the U. P. R. R. Co.'s land grant, and 150,000 acres of the A. T. & S. F. grant. This company now owns and controls over 100,000 acres of the finest farming lands in the great wheat-growing section of Northern and Northwestern Texas, which it is now engaged in subdividing and selling out in small farms, to actual settlers, giving them liberal terms and long time on a large portion of the purchase-money, taking therefor the purchaser's vendor's lien bond, bearing 8 per cent interest, payable semi-annually. For these bonds the company finds ready sale among Eastern investors, as it guarantees the prompt payment of both principal and interest in New York. Experience, than which there is no better or surer test, has demonstrated to the promoters of this company that there is no class of securities which for safety and reliability equal purchase-money mortgages, based on good farm lands, well located. They are predicated on productive land, at a minimum valuation, which the improvement and cultivation by the settler, and the consequent development of the country doubles and trebles in value. In addition to these mortgages, the company issues to investors, who prefer them, its 7 per cent debentures, based on the same class of securities, and payable in New York. The company also deals in county, city, school and township bonds, warrants and other first-class investment securities. With its strong connections, able and experienced management, the company is assured of a prosperous career, and is considered an important acquisition to our city and State.

Continental Building and Loan Association, Home Office, First National Bank Building, Corner Sixth and Minnesota Avenue. — Building and loan associations have been thoroughly tested, both in Europe and America, and with uniform success. The first association

in America was organized in the year 1831. Since that time there has been a constant increase, until now there are over ten thousand building and loan associations in the United States. No form of investment has proved so safe, and at the same time so profitable. The insolvency of a building and loan association is an occurrence all but unknown. They commend themselves to every community. They furnish the best facilities for borrowing money, and at the same time retain the benefits of the interest otherwise paid to distant capitalists. The system of the Continental Building and Loan Association embraces all the valuable elements of the ordinary building associations, to which are added others of great importance. This association meets the requirements of capitalists seeking profitable investments for large amounts of funds, and of the wageworker who wishes to lay by a small sum each month. Its plan for the collection and custody of its funds is unique, and is an absolute security against any loss or misappropriation. The funds of the Continental are paid by the shareholders direct to the First National Bank of Kansas City, Kas., or National Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo., or their authorized collecting agents, (who are the bank's correspondents in the various localities.) The above banks are the custodians of all moneys belonging to the loan fund, and can only pay that money direct to members, on account of loans, shares withdrawn or matured, and for interest due on paid up-stock. All moneys paid to the above banks (for the loan fund) are beyond the control of this association for any purpose other than indicated above. These arrangements for handling the funds render extravagance, mismanagement and dishonesty on the part of the officers of this association practically impossible. An important advantage possessed by this company is, that as it is national in its field of operations, it can easily and always select the best localities in the United States for safe and profitable investments. The company has over one hundred local agents, chiefly in Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Texas and Kansas. The capital stock authorized is ten millions, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. The shares are payable by monthly installments of forty cents per share. Of each monthly payment thirty cents per share are paid direct to the loan fund to the credit of share on which payment is made, and ten cents per share are credited to the expense fund. The shares of stock are redeemable at their face value, by presentation at the office of the secretary at the end of ten years. Any shareholder may withdraw his stock on or after two years from date of issue at sixty days' notice, and will be entitled to receive all moneys paid into the loan fund, and six per cent per annum for the time invested. All stock is transferable on the books of the secretary. The entire accumulations of the loan fund for monthly installments (less the amount deducted for expenses — see expense fund), interest, premiums, penalties, transfer and withdrawal fees, are available for loans, and shall be loaned by the board of directors, upon the approved applications for loans, to the members in the order they have been filed until the fund shall be exhausted. All loans on

real estate must be secured by first mortgage on the real estate offered as security, and the amount loaned shall not exceed forty per cent of the cash value of the security on a conservative valuation by sworn appraisers. Each shareholder is entitled to a loan on approved real estate security, or on the shares themselves (if paid up for two years or longer). If on the shares as collateral security he can borrow seventy-five (75) per cent of the amount he has paid in without being required to give any further security. Shareholders taking loans shall pay interest on the same monthly at the rate of six per cent per annum. Loans will not be made for less than \$200, nor more than \$5,000 on any one piece of property. Loans may be canceled at any time, and the shares of stock taken at their par value in partial or full payment of the loan. The directory of the company includes some of the best talent of the West, among whom is J. W. Hamilton, ex-treasurer of Kansas, and now stock agent of the Santa Fé. D. P. Doak, the president, is the well known banker, also president of the Fort Smith, Shreveport & Saline Pass Railroad. The senior member of Warner, Dean & Hagerman, their attorneys, is Major Wm. Warner, post commander in chief, of the G. A. R., and ex-member of Congress. T. T. Crittenden is vice president, and Wm. Albright, treasurer. H. H. Allen, the secretary and manager, is thoroughly posted and experienced in this business. Ever since he came West from Ohio, in '77, he has been connected with building and loan associations; he was nine years manager of one of the oldest and largest in the United States, at Sedalia, Mo., which he left to take charge here in July last. The great increase in the number of the company's stockholders, and the solidity of all loans made, reflects credit on his enterprising and conservative management. The association is only a year old, but is in a most flourishing condition, and well worthy public confidence and consideration. You can't possibly lose a dollar of your money if invested with the Continental. You always know just what your monthly payments are. This Association is simply a co-operative savings bank, and every shareholder is one of the bankers. You have a vote for every share you own, in the management of its affairs. It is what one saves, not what one makes, that counts. You can in a few years, by this plan have a good comfortable home, with very little, if any, larger monthly payment than you are now paying for rent. If you rent a house for a term of years, at the end of that time you have nothing but a bundle of receipts to show for the money you have paid. Had you paid the same money into a building and loan association, you would have a home free from incumbrance when your shares matured, and the full benefit of any improvements you might have added, and increase in the value of the property. For particulars of the manner of working, and application for shares, address the secretary.

The London Heights Home and Improvement Company, Room 51 Wyandotte National Bank Building.—The grand success of the London Heights Improvement Company, is another proof of the growth of Kansas City, Kansas. In March, 1887, they completed

the purchase of fifty-nine acres of land which for some time before they had been carefully looking at, studying all its advantages and seeing how it could be cheapest and easiest improved. They then commenced operations and have since sold over a million dollars' worth of the property. By careful grading, draining, laying sidewalks and other improvements, they have made one of the finest residence additions that will be found in any city in the West. Their property is reached by elevated railroad, by the new electric line on Thirteenth Street. They have built about one hundred and seventy houses of various sizes; they have also acquired a second addition of forty-five acres, and are beginning to put this in order for habitation. They offer lots to parties who wish to build at very reasonable rates, considering the superior location; will build residences for any who cannot do so themselves, but who will pay for the same by installments at about the same cost as rent. The company has a capital of \$400,000, and is unlike most rich corporations very liberal with those who come on their land. The president, C. B. Pierce, is a Leavenworth capitalist; L. H. Wood, vice president, is a leader in real estate circles in Kansas City. Nathan A. Mann, the secretary and treasurer, and active manager of the property, is a live and progressive gentleman. A native of Ohio, he graduated from Ann Arbor in 1879, and practiced law in Leavenworth till he formed the London Heights Company. He is a Freemason and quite a prominent Odd Fellow, and has deservedly made a good deal of money out of this enterprise. His business keeps him at work in his office from morning to night, where he will be pleased to see callers and tell them all they want to know about London Heights.

G. R. Ingles, Cash and One-Price Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher, Corner Minnesota Avenue and Fifth Street.—When a man possessing more than average intelligence, having traveled seventeen consecutive years over the entire West, in the capacity of a commercial salesman, opening and holding business for his house with the representative men in his line of trade in each town he visits, settles down in a city his judgment leads him to believe has the best prospects for stability and growth, then is that city fortunate. G. R. Ingles, now known as the live and progressive clothier, was born in New York State, and came West to Michigan, in 1859. During the war he served on board the United States monitor, *Milwaukee*, which was sunk in the battle of Mobile by a torpedo. After a few years, finishing up his scholastic education, in 1869 he entered a retail clothing house in Kalamazoo; he soon gained his employer's confidence, and in 1870 accepted a traveling position with a large clothing house (D. A. Saline & Co., of New York), with whom he remained seven years. For the last ten years, with his home in Kansas City, Kas., he had charge of the business of the largest Milwaukee trunk manufacturers, in the territory between the Mississippi and the Pacific. This year he quit the road, and in order to cultivate the better acquaintance of his family and neighbors, he bought out the stock of J. F. Ensminger, who had been here three years on the 2d of December last. He has made this the finest retail clothing house in

the Missouri Valley. It occupies in the street floor of the Wyandotte Bank Block, with frontage on two streets of thirty and sixty feet, the depth of the "L" being one hundred and twenty-five and sixty feet. The stock comprises all grades, qualities and fashions of clothing, and fit any shape of the human form. It is selected with a special view to suit Western life. Mr. Ingles's intimate acquaintance with it, and his high standing with Eastern manufacturers telling him exactly what to buy, where to buy, and when to buy. He also carries hats and gents' furnishing goods. He employs five salesmen, each one of whom has his own customers. As a business man Mr. Ingles has no superior, and is a model gentleman, going on the liberal principle of giving to, as well as taking from, the world. He does not forget, in the stir of business, his social duties; is a K. T. Mason, I. O. O. F., and member of the A. O. U. W. He has added to the attractions of this city by building a nice row of dwelling houses, in one of which he lives himself. He rents them very low, gives his tenants everything they want, and never has had one of them to leave him.

Kansas Trip Hammer Brick Works.—This concern is one of the largest and most prosperous institutions of the West, and one of which Kansas has just reasons to be proud. Incorporated under the laws of Missouri, it commenced operations here in April, 1886. The works are located in the north of Kansas City, Kas., where they own some five acres of the finest sort of clay; the bed is ninety feet thick. They have 1,000 feet of switch from the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The capacity of the two machines is 40,000 in the ten hours; their specialty is common brick. In a test made in St. Louis, beside all the other yards of that city, it stood more pressure to the square inch than any sample produced. They turned out last year 14,000,000 bricks, including contracts for the best buildings put up in Kansas City. The works employ forty men. The president and treasurer is Tilman Puetz, of St. Louis. E. F. Andrews, the inventor of the machine used, has been thirty-five years in brick-making in New York and St. Louis; two of his machines are used in Denver and Wichita. R. E. Melling, the local manager, is an active and intelligent man, and to him is largely due the company's brilliant success here. Born and reared in Alton, Ill., he came with the company when they started, and is an acquisition to Kansas.

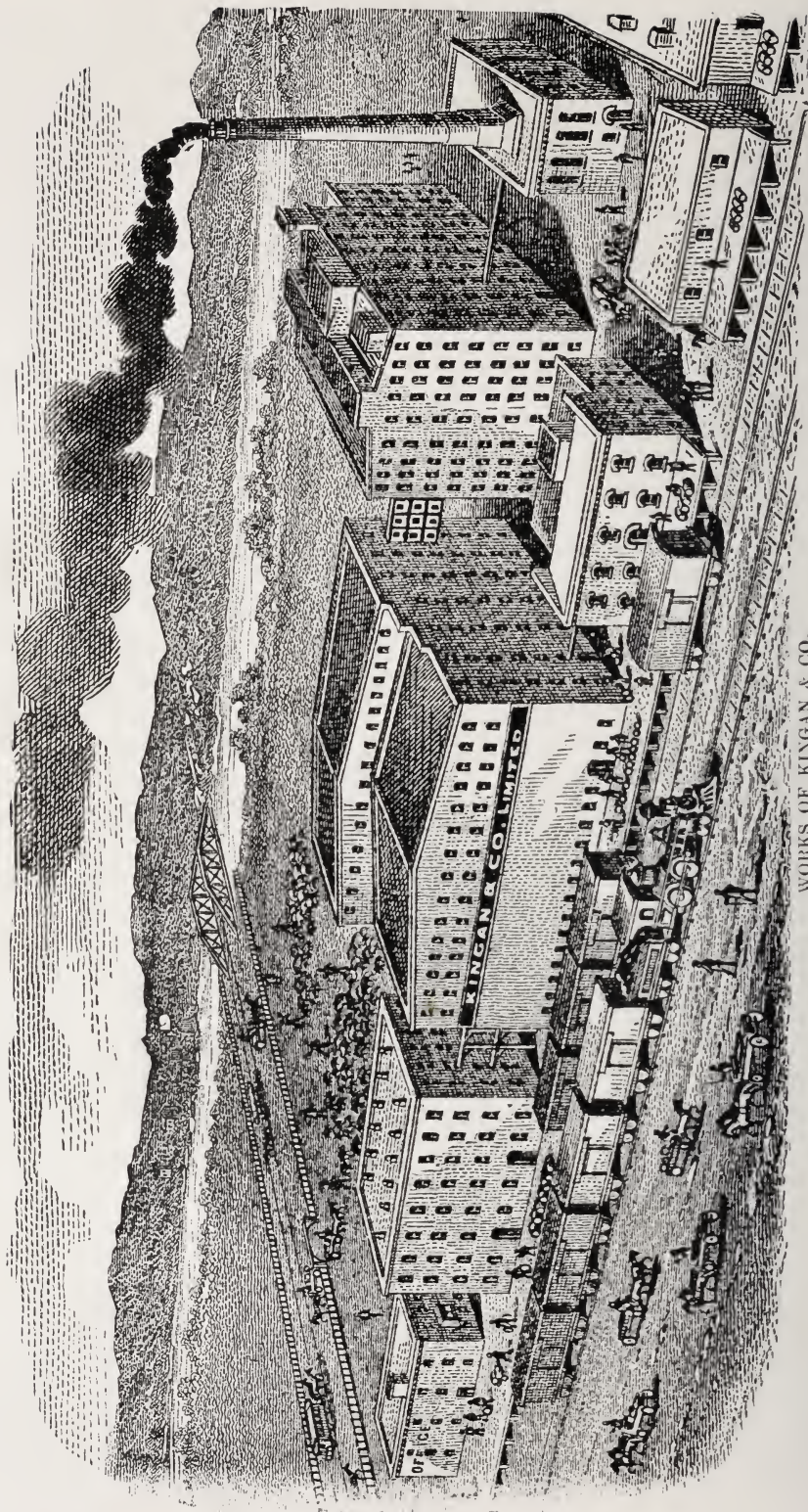
Garrett & Griest, Lumber, Fifth and Central Avenue.—This firm dates back nineteen years, when the business was started in Leavenworth, where Mr. Garrett still continues its management. Nine years ago they opened in Kansas City, where they have built up a heavy trade. This is under the management of Mr. Griest, who has ever taken a leading part in the city's advancement. A native of Pennsylvania, he is the son of a lumberman, and as already said settled in Kansas in 1871. He has built a number of houses, and made many improvements in real estate here. The yard covers three and one-sixth acres; has a switch capable of carrying forty-five cars; about ten men attend to the yard; five

wagons do the hauling; the stock runs between one and one-half and two million feet, and consists of building lumber of every kind. Messrs. G. & G.'s name has long been the guarantee of the goods they sell. Not only have they no superiors in their experience and knowledge of the lumber business, but their name is a synonym of reliability and integrity throughout the State of Kansas, where they hold a large solid lumber jobbing trade.

Northrup Banking Company.—A bulwark of Kansas City's safety, honor and solidity is the Northrup Banking Company. H. M. Northrup, the president, has been known in the business world, West and East, over forty years. A native of New York, he came West in 1844, and began trading with the Indians. He was the first man to sell at wholesale from Kansas City, Mo. He became popular with the Wyandottes and other tribes, and, in fact, selected a wife from among them. In 1857 he started the banking house of Northrup & Co., on the south side of the Missouri River. He was president of the branch of the Union Bank of St. Louis, at Kansas City. During the war they moved to New York, and did business at 6 Wall Street, under the style of Northrup & Chick, till the panic of 1873. Mr. N. returned then to the banks of the Missouri, and in September, '74, opened for business, associated with his son, M. C., now dead, under the style of Northrup & Son, the present name being assumed June 15th, '87. The handsome corner block they occupy was built in 1883, and this year thirty more feet were added, making the space occupied 25x90 feet. The following is their statement at close of business, December 31, 1889:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$324,092 57
Overdrafts.....	99 16
Bonds and scrip.....	53,625 02
Real estate, including banking house.....	38,839 87
Exchange maturing.....	1,408 83
Due from banks, sight exchange.....	72,950 24
Cash on hand.....	84,934 48
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	\$575,950 17
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund.....	45,000 00
Undivided profits.....	401 74
Dividend No. 5, payable January 2, 1890.....	5,000 00
Due depositors.....	425,548 43
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	\$575,950 17

The bank has always been conducted on the principles of caution and economy. Mr. Northrup, Sr., has helped many a man in business, and the partnerships he has formed outside have risen to be a credit to the city. His son and vice president is a native of the West. An able banker, he became partner when his brother, M. C., died. Messrs. K. L. Browne and E. H. Lovelace, cashier and assistant cashier, are reliable young men, and natives of Kansas City; the former has been in banking since he was eighteen years old, and with the Northrup Bank since December, '79. A staff of bookkeepers and collectors completes a force which works harmoniously for the popularity of the bank, and our city's fair name and prosperity.



WORKS OF KINGAN & CO.

Kingan & Co., L'td., Pork Packers.—The manner in which hog packing is now conducted, especially in America, has made this much despised animal an important feature in industrial life, and a necessity to our domestic economy. The wild boar, the ancestor of our common hog, did not exist on this continent, but, like the present race of men, is an importation of historic times. He was brought over by the Spaniards when they first discovered the continent; he has shared the fate of the white man ever since, been with him in his trials and his troubles, ever obedient, and ever ready to give up his life for his master, till now, as the Saxon race itself, he has overrun the country and is a necessity to to every home. No farm in our broad land is to-day without its stock of hogs, and no well-kept larder without its supply of pork. The domestic pig, as we know him to-day, is a very superior animal to the one the Jewish legislator set his decree against. The Asiatic hog is a tall, scraggy, lean and bony animal, feeds on dried herbs, wild fruits and dry food generally. The fat, plump, contented, good-natured, round-bellied American hog has a much more delicate appetite, and has been educated to seek the most succulent food he can find, to choose such nourishment as goes to make tender and dainty flesh. He has thus won for himself distinction, and made himself as useful to man as any other quadruped. He has given birth to an industry employing an endless amount of capital, brains and ingenuity in its prosecution. As we have said America has taken the lead in making and preparing hog meat in shapes attractive to man's palate, and suitable to his digestive organs. Foremost among those names prominently identified with the progress and growth of the trade is that of Kingan, the great Kansas City, Indianapolis and Belfast packers. Away back in the Forties, about when the steamboat began to cross the Atlantic, Samuel and Thomas D. Kingan, the present head of the company, along with James Reid, the father of the present Kansas City partners, packed hogs in the City of Brooklyn. In 1853 they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they continued under the name of Kingan & Reid till '60, when the firm moved to Indianapolis. This house of Kingan & Co. is the oldest continuously existing packing institution in America, has long held a most solid trade, and has increased its operations to killing nearly a million hogs a year. The most momentous addition to Messrs. Kingan & Co.'s interests was made two years ago, when they opened their Kansas City establishment. This house, besides having the advantages arising from fifty years of prior knowledge of the business, enjoys special facilities in its location in the center of the finest hog-raising States in the Union; in being constructed from the ground up with every convenience ingenuity has devised for slaughtering, curing and handling hogs and hog products, and in being under the direct management of Ried Bros., who have been reared in the business. They commenced operations in Kansas City in November of 1887, and the enormous and rapid growth of their trade since, the increased ease with which they have been able to supply the demands of their many and exacting customers, has eminently proven the wisdom of the step

they then took. They can obtain better hogs in this market than anywhere else, and in always unlimited quantity. In fact, after the Kansas packer has had his pick, the hogs he doesn't want are sent to the packers farther east. Again, the Kansas-reared pig is the best and sweetest species of the hog family; he lives on better corn, snuffs a purer atmosphere, and sleeps in a cleaner bed than the members of his race in any other part of the world. Messrs. Reids' facilities for handling and properly manipulating the dead hogs are unsurpassed, while their many connections and intimate knowledge of the trade throughout the civilized world enables them to easily distribute the various products suitable for the different countries and different markets. The factory stands on fifteen acres of ground, one entire side of which has railroad frontage, nine hundred feet of platform. They have a switch from all the roads running into Kansas City. Their group of buildings present an imposing appearance, are erected at a proper distance from one another, so that the insurance is reduced to the lowest risk. The largest building, the warehouse and curing department, is six-story, 113x192; it has a storage capacity of some fifteen million pounds. The smoke-house building is a five-story, 78x156; it is well divided into twelve smoke-houses, which can smoke one and one-half million pounds of meat at one time. Slaughtering is carried on on the top floor of a six-story building, 80x120. A private alley-way from the stockyards conducts the hogs to the grounds, and thence by a series of grades to the slaughter house. The engine-house is two-story, 80x80; the driving power of the engine is large; also they have boilers of large capacity. There are various other buildings adapted to separate uses; ice house, sausage room, tin-can factory, etc.; the ice machine is Ball's patent ammonia absorption. The premises are lit by two thousand incandescent lights, run from their own dynamos. The office building is three-story, 36x78 feet. The first floor is given over to the meat market, which requires the service of many wagons for city trade. The office, on the second floor, is one of the finest appointed in the West. Messrs. Kingan employ altogether some five hundred or six hundred hands; their killing capacity is three thousand five hundred hogs a day. These hogs are obtained mostly from Kansas and Missouri, which, as already said, are the best hogs the world produces. For this and other reasons are Messrs. Kingan's Kansas City products the best the market affords. They manufacture and sell everything produced from the carcass of a pig. They have obtained a special fame on fine cut choice meats for the English and American markets. With a house in Belfast, Ireland, they can handle the British market to great perfection, and in that country stand at the top of the trade; in fact, their Kingan & Co.'s brands are the standard. In producing all the finer products they excel; and further, we are safe in saying that Kingan's smoked and sugar-cured hams, sold under the brand Reid Bros., of Kansas City, have probably no equal in the market. Their pure leaf lard, "White Star" and "Kettle Rendered," command a high price, and every package bears the State Chemist's certificate as to its absolute purity and wholesomeness. They import tin-

plate and make all their own cans, as well as boxes. Messrs. Kingan have built up their envied name by giving their customers uniform products whether they were losing money on them or not. They aim to continue to do so, and to steadily improve their brands where possible. Of their house in Indianapolis we have already spoken. The enormous increase in their trade since they opened the Kansas City establishment, necessitated having branch houses in other parts of the country. All their institutions are under the corporation head, Kingan & Co., Limited, of which Mr. Samuel Kingan, who packed hogs in Brooklyn over forty years ago, is the active president. The millions of the civilized world have much to thank this great packing house for, in giving them such fine meat at such a small cost, and one of the best reasons for the conservation of Messrs. Kingan's high standing and prominence, based on their past record, is that they have such a fine establishment in Kansas, so well equipped for pushing and establishing their Eastern reputation for fine meats and guaranteed pure lards.

The James H. Campbell Company, (Incorporated,) Live Stock Commission Merchants.—To build up a great commission business two great essentials must be kept in mind. First, the world must know who and where you are; second, its confidence must not be betrayed. The Campbell Commission Company believe in advertising where it will do the most good, and when they secure trade, they hold it by strict integrity and attention to the interests of those who trust them. To fitly express to the farmers, shippers and cattle raisers of Kansas and surrounding States, the character of the business done by this company, the truth only, need be told. The firm was organized in 1876, at Chicago, as James H. Campbell & Co. Business increased to such an extent that it was found advantageous to incorporate, which was done in 1888, on a capital stock of \$100,000. They are now operating at the Union Stockyards, Chicago, Ill.; National Stockyards, East St. Louis, Ill.; Kansas City Stockyards, Kansas City, Mo.; Union Stockyards, South Omaha, Neb., and the stockyards at Wichita, Kas. This company is one of the largest operating on the globe, and stands second to none in this country, in the volume of its business. Their sales in 1889 amounted to over \$11,000,000—250,000 head of cattle, 400,000 head of hogs, and 200,000 head of sheep. This is more cattle than were handled by any other firm during the same period. James H. Campbell is one of the most prominent live stock commission men of the world. He controls the Chicago office. Jerome F. Wares, vice president, who has charge of the Kansas City office, came here one year ago, with an experience of eighteen years in the business, acquired at Chicago. He is one of the most agreeable, whole-souled gentleman it has been our pleasure to meet, who is as ready to extend the hand of friendship to the honest farmer, with a car-load of hogs, as he would be to welcome the millionaire cattle king. Mr. Wares is a K. T. Mason, belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and is an extensive property owner. He is also head of a heavy brokerage firm just organized in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. G. W. Campbell, brother of the founder, the

salesman at the Kansas City yards, has been with the firm since organization, and has been a cattle salesman since 1871. He can be depended on to get the highest price the stock will bring, and to render a true and prompt account to the shipper. Under the management controlling the Kansas City office, there can be no limit to the business the firm can obtain. They have handsome offices with a good corps of clerks, stenographers, typewriters and assistants, and are equipped thoroughly for business, and bold indeed the man who would question their business methods. This firm offers superior advantages to the shipper by means of their connections which enable them to ascertain at once the best market. They give through rates to Chicago, if stock is not sold in Kansas City, Omaha, Wichita or St. Louis.

The Geo. R. Barse Live Stock Commission Company.—In 1871 the stockyards of Kansas City came into existence, and with them the genial Geo. R. Barse entered into the live stock commission business in the firm of Barse & Snyder. This firm continued to 1882, when a change was made and Mr. Barse continued the business for himself to 1888, when the present company was organized with a capital stock of \$150,000. Mr. Barse is director of the Union National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., and is interested in several loan and improvement companies. Mr. Barse was born in Michigan, entered the late Civil War in the 5th Michigan Cav., of which he was lieutenant, and bears the distinction of seeing the inside of as many Southern prisons in fourteen months and escaping from Libby Prison three times. At the close of the war he entered the grain commission business and conducted an extensive elevator system in Northern Illinois. In 1870 he came to Kansas City, and upon the opening of the stock yards entered into his present business. Mr. J. H. Waite, secretary and treasurer of this company, is a native of Vermont, locating with his parents in Illinois in 1854. For six and a half years he had full charge of the Kansas City Stockyards as shipping master and in 1882 he entered the firm and has had charge of the office ever since. Mr. Waite is commander of Farragut Post, No. 3, G. A. R., and worshipful master of Temple Lodge, 299, A. F. and A. M. He enlisted in the 17th Illinois Cav., and was one year on the staff of Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, serving his country altogether three years. He is a pleasant, accommodating gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet. Their business amounts to almost \$5,000,000 per annum and is constantly increasing.

J. P. Emmert & Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants.—This firm operates in St. Joe and Kansas City, Mo. The St. Joe office is under the management of V. W. Emmert, a brother to the founder of the company. Mr. J. P. Emmert has led an active business career of eighteen years. A native of Pennsylvania, he came to Illinois in 1851; served his country through the late war in the 37th Illinois, being but seventeen years old at time of enlistment. In 1873 he established a commission business at St. Joseph, Mo., which he conducted to 1883, when he also established the same business at this place. He was the first commission man to

open business in St. Joe. He justly merits the success that has always attended him, and is ready at all times to extend a welcome at his office; he attends personally to his business, retains his old customers, to whom he is constantly adding new ones.

The W. C. M. Baker Company, Live Stock Commission Merchants.—Operating in Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City, with a large corps of competent salesmen, personally overseen by Mr. W. C. M. Baker, this firm can offer customers best advantages. The office has been established three years. Mr. Baker's information about stock is unbounded. He is a native of Ohio; belongs to the I. O. O. F., Masons, Iron Hall, and the Ohio Society. He makes every effort to promote and protect the individual interests of every stock-raiser and shipper, and, in the formation of the company, every reputable customer may be a shareholder in its profits.

Fish & Keck Company, (Incorporated,) Live Stock Commission Merchants.—The above firm was organized in 1886, and has met with all the success that could be desired. Mr. Fish is a native of Ohio, who came to the yards in 1873, and for many years was bookkeeper in a prominent commission firm. Mr. Keck has had a business experience of twenty years. He is a native of Indiana, and served his time as a farmer and stock-raiser. Their sales in 1889 amounted to \$3,000,000. The gentlemen composing this firm are thoroughly reliable, and their success is assured by a large and increasing patronage.

Wm. Epperson & Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants.—Mr. Wm. Epperson, or "Uncle Billy," as he is familiarly called, has been in Kansas City twenty-two years. After six years' experience in the commission business with another firm, he embarked in it for himself, and has now done business in the present firm for three years. Mr. Epperson is a native of Indianapolis, Ind., and polled his first vote at the same election with young Ben. Harrison then, President Harrison now. He is a man of sound judgment, and a gentleman of the old time school. W. P. Tinkham is a native of Vermont, who came to Kansas in an early day; he thoroughly understands the value of a hog or steer, and followed the business of stock trader and shipper throughout Northern Kansas. A. J. Epperson, son of the senior member of the firm, is the office man. He was raised in Kansas City; is a graduate of the high school here. Western shippers should by all means connect themselves with this firm.

Armour Packing Company.—The prominence of our packing house interests forms another peculiar proof of how history repeats itself. Paleontology tells us that the ox and the hog sprang from one type of hoofed animal, and further that the latter gradually dwindled away on this continent till the only kind of his species left is what we know as the little quadruped called the peccary, found all over the southern half of our hemisphere. The wild boar found to-day in the islands of the West Indies, the wild pigs seen plentifully a hundred years ago

in the Gulf States and Mexico are supposed like our wild horse, to have been descended from the domestic pig imported by the early Spaniards. With Asiatic and European races both the ox and hog seem to have, from the earliest times, been domesticated. Had the American packing industry existed in he days of Moses or Mahomet, these austere legislators would never have placed an embargo on the flesh of swine. Messrs. Armour, who are known to the business world to-day as Armour & Co., of Chicago; the Armour Packing Company of Kansas City, and H. O. Armour & Co., New York, have been the leaders in opening out many new uses for the flesh of the ox and the hog. Their latest innovation is the manufacture of those delicious preparations known as "Beef Extracts," from which such fine bouillon and soups can be made with no other assistance than that of a little hot water. Though their goods are sold over the entire world, it is particularly for domestic trade that they cater. The family dates back four generations in Connecticut, from where the father of the present men moved to Madison County, in Western New York, when he was about twenty-eight years old and just married. Both parents had been school teachers, and their going out on the frontier among the Indians to clear land for farming was a plucky undertaking. The splendid combination of breadth of intellect and ability for prosecuting large undertakings on the paternal side, and a methodical attention to the minutest details on the maternal side, to both of which qualities their sons owe much of their success, were bound to succeed. The family were all reared on the farm, but as they grew to manhood the younger members came West, and threw in their lot with the cities of Milwaukee and Chicago. P. D. Armour gained his first experience in packing about '61 in Milwaukee, with Jno. Plankington, and two years later moved to Chicago. In 1870 he induced his oldest brother, L. B., to come West and start a packing-house in Kansas City, which, as they foresaw, was destined to be the stock-receiving point for the Southwest. They have been since followed by other packers, and are the pioneers of the institutions and interests which have made Kansas City. The style of the firm was first Plankington & Armour, but about 1880, when A. W. Armour, the last brother to leave the old homestead, was induced to sell his lands and come West, the style was changed, by the purchase of Mr. Plankington's interest, to the Armour Packing Company. In the fall of 1870 they commenced operations, killing about five hundred cattle and five hundred hogs a day in a small building which they rented. This, however, soon proved to be too small, so the following year they purchased twelve acres of ground on the river front. This allowed them to run the waste and dirt into the great bosom of the Missouri. To-day, though they are killing from 3,000 to 6,000 hogs and 700 to 1,000 head of cattle daily, this is a matter of small importance, as nothing at all is run away as waste, the very grease and dirt from the washings of the floors being dried and sold to the fertilizer manufacturer. From one five-story building they have extended, as their trade demanded it, in every direction, till the

twelve acres are now nearly covered with buildings or railroad track. They have enough platform space for accommodating over one hundred cars at a time, while their switchers will carry about three hundred cars. They employ between 1,600 to 2,000 hands. In the curing-rooms they carry some twenty-five million pounds of meat, and of beef some nine million pounds. The Kansas City branch of the house does almost exclusively a domestic trade. They manufacture everything made from the carcass of the hog or ox—sides, short cuts, bacon, hams, pork,

is rich in adventures and he is a prime favorite with the old timers. T. E. Gillespie, manager and office man, was hog seller for the firm for eight years; he is a good fellow and stands ever ready to do the honors of the office. This firm does the enormous business of \$5,000,000 annually.

Zeb. F. Crider & Co., Live Stock Commission.—In 1889 the sales of this company amounted to \$3,000,000, an enormous business. The reason for it is that their eleven years' active

ZEB. F. CRIDER, }
ROBT. H. PRIGG, } SALESMEN.

CHAS. P. CRIDER, OFFICE.

CHAS. H. HOWARD, }
W. H. SHUFF, } ASSISTANTS.



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sausages, dressed beef, mince meat, corned beef, beef jellies, extracts, etc. They have about forty local warehouses in the different States, and sell to all the best butchers; in the city itself their trade calls for the service of sixteen double horse wagons. The Armour Brothers' record in Kansas City has been solid, pronounced and influential. The Armour Bros. Banking Company, which they started in 1880, has lately been succeeded by the Midland National, with A. W. Armour as vice president. L. B., who is at the head of the packing-house, is a gentleman with broad views and liberal ideas; he has both with his capital and brains taken an active part in advancing Kansas City; he is a director in the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, in Midland National and Stock Yards Bank, Stock Yards Company of Kansas City and Denver, director in the Kansas City River Packet Company, etc. K. B., his nephew, is a director in the Commercial Club. Foremost in business, the Armours have ever taken a hand in promoting the general welfare of the community, have responded liberally to all calls made upon them, and will long remain as a bulwark of Kansas progress, Western supremacy and America's good name.

A. J. Gillespie & Co., Commission Merchants.—This company began business when the stockyards opened in 1871. Mr. A. J. Gillespie, who is known at the yards as "Jack" Gillespie, might with propriety be called the father of the Exchange. He is a native of Illinois, a large land holder, and was brought up in the cattle business. In the early days he drove cattle overland from the grazing grounds of Montana to the market here. In connection with Geo. D. Bancroft, he built the first elevator erected in Kansas City. After handling grain three years he embarked in live stock commission. His life

experience taught them that their own prosperity is in direct proportion to the profits of their customers. They keep pace with their competitors in all essentials, and will always treat you right, so that you are sure to come again.

Evans, Snider, Buel Company, Live Stock Commission Merchants.—This firm conduct their business at Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. They have one of the finest offices in the Exchange Building, and are doing a business of which any firm might be proud. They have been in operation for nineteen years. Mr. Evans is a native of Arkansas, was engaged in merchandizing in Texas, and owned several cattle ranches in that State. This firm, with a capital stock of \$200,000, did a business in 1889 amounting to \$5,000,000. They let the world know where they are, and can be depended on to transact the business of the shipper as satisfactorily when absent as present.

The Foster-Conrad Live Stock Commission Company.—This firm was incorporated in January last on a \$5,000 capital. Mr. G. W. Foster is a Kansas pioneer, having handled cattle over Western Kansas prairies and the Cherokee Strip for thirteen years prior to 1883. He formerly resided in Montgomery County, Kas., where he was county commissioner three years. He is a thorough gentleman, of large business experience. H. W. Conrad, the office man, was clerk of Montgomery County, Kas., two terms, and, before that, deputy clerk three years. He is an ideal office man, and is a decided success in his department. Mr. Joseph Bruser, the hog and sheep salesman, is an old-time stock man, whose experience and judgment rank him among the first. In 1889 the State of Kansas called him to the office of Cattle Inspector for the State.

The Kansas City Stockyards.—Are by far the most commodious and best appointed in the Missouri Valley, with ample capacity for feeding, weighing and shipping cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules. They are planked throughout; no yards are better watered, and in none is there a better system of drainage. The fact that higher prices are realized here than in the East is due to the location at these yards of eight packing houses with an aggregate daily capacity of 3,600 cattle and 37,200 hogs, and the regular attendance of sharp, competitive buyers for the packing houses of Omaha, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and Boston. All the sixteen roads running into Kansas City have direct connection with the yards, affording the best accommodations for stock coming from the great grazing grounds of all the Western States and Territories, and also for stock destined for Eastern markets. The business of the yards is done systematically and with the utmost promptness, so there is no delay and no clashing, and stockmen find here, and will continue to find, that they get all their stock is worth with the least possible delay.

EXTRACT FROM ANNUAL REPORT OF 1889.—RECEIPTS.

Year.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Cars.
1871....	120,827	41,036	4,527	809	6,623
1875....	174,754	63,350	25,327	2,646	9,093
1880....	244,709	676,477	50,611	14,086	22,704
1885....	506,627	2,358,718	221,801	24,506	63,213
1889....	1,220,343	2,073,910	370,772	34,563	83,972

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Slaughtered in Kansas City in 1889.....	474,885	1,741,880	195,027
Sold to Feeders in 1889.....	112,570	4,809	30,250
Sold to Shippers in 1889....	391,680	324,680	124,692

Charges: Yardage—cattle, 20 cents; hogs, 8 cents; sheep, 5 cents. Hay, \$1 per 100 pounds; corn, 50 cents per bushel; oats, 75 cents a bushel. No yardage charged unless stock is sold. Commission merchant charges: Cattle, 50 cents per head; hogs, \$6 per car; sheep, \$6 per car.

Kansas City Stockyards Horse and Mule Market, W. S. Tough, Manager.—This company has established in connection with the yards an extensive horse and mule market, known as the Kansas City Stockyards Horse and Mule Market. Have always on hand a large stock of all grades of horses and mules, which are bought and sold on commission or in car load lots. Regular trade auction sales every Wednesday and Saturday. In connection with the sales-market are large feed stables and pens, where all stock will receive the best attention. Special attention given to receiving and forwarding. The facilities for handling this kind of stock are unsurpassed at any stable in this country. Consignments are solicited with the guaranty that prompt settlements will be made when stock is sold. C. F. Morse, general manager; E. E. Richardson, secretary and treasurer; H. P. Child, superintendent.

B. F. Pratt Cooperage Company, Telephone 1687. Among these great manufactur-

ing concerns which have made Kansas City and Kansas household words in the entire civilized world, its cooperage works, conducted by B. F. Pratt's sons, stand conspicuous. This firm has been established in Cincinnati many years, where, under the style of B. F. Pratt & Co., B. F. Pratt the president, and A. Bloch, vice president, conduct the business. The affairs here are managed by E. D. and T. L. Pratt, sons of the president. Born in Cincinnati, and reared in the establishment there, they started in Kansas City four year ago. They have all along worked independent of the parent house, and the wisdom of the policy in making them feel their own responsibility is seen in the immense trade they enjoy. Special contract orders from the packers in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, has become a feature of their business. They also carry a large stock ready for shipment at short notice. They make all sizes, shapes and sorts of barrels, iron and wooden-hooped, for holding solid and liquid materials, iron and wooden, bound boxes, etc. Their lard, butter and oleo-margarine tierces are the best in the United States, and are made with especial reference for distant shipments and export trade. Their works, located in Armourdale, Kansas City, Kansas, cover two acres and have railroad switches from all the lines running East, West, North and South. They have this year tripled their capacity. The little office, familiarly remembered by all who have visited the establishment, has been replaced by a modern two-story structure. They have also added a spacious two-story frame, 60x125 feet, the upper floor used for storage, lower fitted with the latest machinery. The old workshop, similar in size, is still continued. They have an engine and boiler for the shop whose power is sixty horse. They employ over one hundred skilled hands and guarantee every barrel they send out. The Pratts are known for their strict attention to business, their honest representations, and fully deserve the immense trade they have built up, and the solid confidence they have gained of everyone.

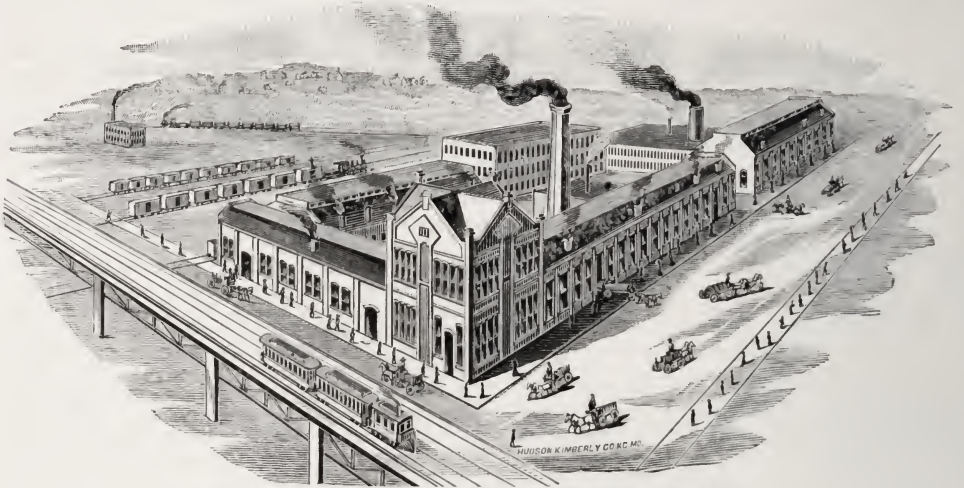
The Kansas Paving and Construction Company.—A city is best advertised by its streets, and in the entire West there are no better graded and paved streets than those of Kansas City, Kas. The Kansas Paving and Construction Company stand at the head of Kansas enterprises, and have done much to beautify the city. During the past year they did over a million dollars' worth of paving in our city; their pay-roll has run up as high as \$10,000 in one week. Among the principal streets they paved are Quindaro Boulevard, Southwest Boulevard, Armstrong, Orville, Lafayette, Stewart Streets, Oakland Avenue. They have also filled large contracts in Duluth, Superior, St. Joseph and other Western cities. They undertake any class of causeway and paving, cedar block, granite, macadam, vitrified brick, etc. Their work is superior in its execution and durability to any done in the Missouri Valley; they don't do any second-class or cheap jobs. They aim to make a living profit out of a contract, and give lowest price at which a good job can be safely done. Any who have underbid them for public contracts have either turned out second-class work,

or gone broke. Geo. Jenkins, the president of the company, was born in Illinois, came to Kansas in 1854, and is a man of most superior talent. He was twenty-one years with the U. P. R. R., and is a prominent member of the Freemasons. G. A. Libby, the secretary, came West twenty years ago; he has been a contractor on his own account ever since he attained his majority; he has resided in Kansas City for six years. The company has a paid-up capital of \$25,000. Wherever they have laid streets, they have received the greatest praise from the citizens, and they can refer intending customers to the best public corporations and private individuals in the West.

The Keystone Iron Works Company.—In the Keystone Iron Works, Kansas City has an institution which in the enterprise

president and general manager, is a New York man by birth, and served his apprenticeship at the bench in that State, coming West to start this institution. Lathrop B. Bullene, secretary and treasurer, came into the company in 1882, is a gentleman of superior business ability, is a native of the State of Iowa, and reared in Kansas City. Both gentlemen are active members of the Kansas City Club and the Commercial Club.

E. E. Venard, Coal, Wood, Sand, Sewer Pipe, Fire-Brick, Fire-Clay, Tile and Building Rock; Office, 524 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Venard is one of the substantial men of this city. He obtains coal from the best mines in the country, including Corder, Myrick and Lexington, and rock from the best quarries, having on hand both footing and rouble, and almost any size of



PLANT OF THE KEYSTONE IRON WORKS COMPANY.

of its management, its capacity to execute large jobs, its location and financial resources, ranks with the first in the land. The works were started on a small scale but sound basis in 1870 by Jas. Smith, who is still at the head of the company. In 1881 the business was incorporated on a capital of \$200,000, and the following year, T. B. Bullene, head of the dry goods firm, Bullene, Moore & Emery, became a large stockholder and vice president. They for nineteen years carried on operations on West Eighth Street, Kansas City, Mo., and last year moved over here. Their ground extends 120x745 feet, and is almost entirely covered by buildings. These consist of machine shop having four cranes, lathes, drills, borers, planers, etc., the power for which is supplied from a 100-horse engine; foundry, with an attendant engine of 30-horse, and cupola of 30-ton daily capacity; pattern shop, having also its own engine, 12-horse; blacksmith shop and warehouse. They have a railroad switch and platform space of 750 feet. They manufacture steam engines, boilers, machinery, building fronts, bridges, and architectural and ornamental iron and brass work. Their trade extends west to Utah, and south to Mexico. They employ 230 mechanics. James Smith, the

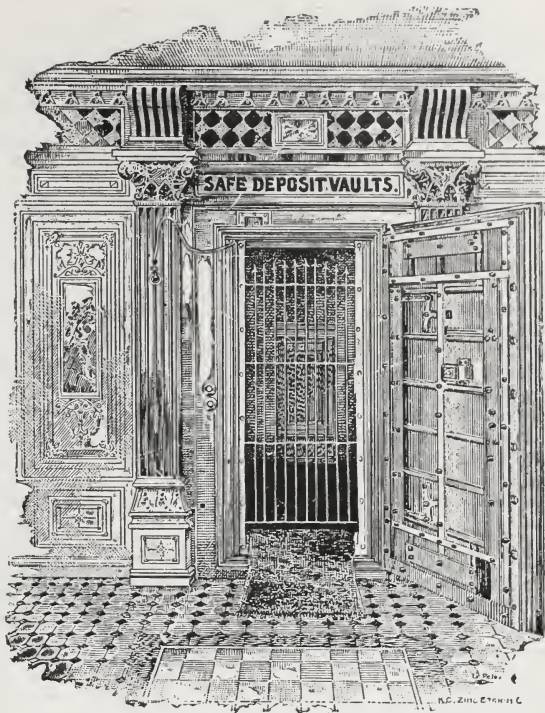
sewer pipe made, from three to twenty-four inches. His yard is located on the railroad, and is 130x130 feet in area; it is about fifteen years old, and has been run by Mr. Venard for the last two years. He sells all the sand used in town and vicinity, and at times he has as many as thirty-three teams hauling sand. He has this year erected an extensive plant for pumping the sand from the river. Mr. Venard was born in Illinois; came to Kansas City in '82, and engaged in feed and flour until he entered into his present line. He carries on his affairs in a masterly way, and has a splendid future before him.

Wyandotte Loan and Trust Company.—The Wyandotte Loan and Trust Company stands in the front of those concerns which are pushing forward our city to such a proud destiny. Organized in 1888, its first undertaking has resulted in the erection of a structure the most substantial and best equipped here, and which would be a fine building in the City of New York. It is 50x123 feet, runs up four stories; basement is solid masonry, and the partition walls throughout are twenty-four inches thick. It has elevator, elec-

tric light, steel vaults, steam heat, water, fire escapes, etc. The first floor is occupied by the bank and a large clothing store; up stairs are elegant offices, finished in oak, pine and mahogany. Rents run for offices from ten dollars upwards a month. A. N. Moyer, the secretary of the company, is a native of Canada; he taught school there, in Illinois and Missouri, before he settled in Kansas City, Kas., twenty years ago. He was once the proprietor of the *Gazette* for eight years. He is vice president of the Wyandotte National Bank, and active in other concerns which form the backbone of our city. George L. Kroh, vice president. The president, W. L. Beard, is a self-made man in Kansas City, Kas. A native of Virginia, he came here a boy and taught school, and, by judicious investment, has raised himself to be one of the wealthy men of our city. He laid out Walnut Park, owns two of the principal blocks between Fifth and Sixth Streets on the Avenue, and is vice president of the Citizens Bank on the South Side.

John S. Cox, Residence, 525 Freeman Avenue; Office, 413 Minnesota Avenue.—One of the pioneer real estate men of this city, conversant with the value and history of nearly every plat of land in this and adjoining counties, is John S. Cox. Born in Lewis County, Va., December 4, 1825, he came to Illinois in 1852. On breaking out of the war he enlisted in 119th Illinois, served three years, and was nine and half months a prisoner at Camp Ford, Texas. At the close of the war he went to Ohio, where he remained until 1870, when he came to Kansas City, Kas., which has since been his home. Mr. Cox represents considerable private capital, which he loans at terms quite liberal indeed. He is agent for The Guardian and Orient Insurance Company. His name is the synonym of safety in business in this community. He has, by good management and adherence to the right, accumulated considerable property for his ripening years.

Mapes & Warren, Brokers, Real Estate and Loans, 539 Minnesota Avenue.—A progressive and responsible partnership recently formed is that of Mapes & Warren, loan brokers and real estate agents. Both gentlemen require no introduction to the people of this city, but for the benefit of those at a distance we will note that Frank Mapes was born in Racine, Wis., his father moving to Kansas City, Kas., in '65; he was county clerk two years, was on the city council, and is at present city assessor. John Warren was born in Kansas City, Kas., was city clerk in '85; also member of the board of education and clerk of the district court. They are both thoroughly posted on city matters and stand well in the community. They have made first-class arrangements with wealthy Eastern parties and can loan money on very low rates. They are prepared to handle any and all classes of real estate, and are rapidly building up a good business.



The Fidelity Savings Bank.—When we read of a bank robbery, how sharp thieves get past iron doors and brick walls, or how some fire destroyed valuable papers, the question comes to us, Where can we store our money and valuables? A secure place is the Safe Deposit Vaults of the Fidelity Savings Bank, of Kansas City, Kas., located in the basement of the First National Bank Building. These vaults cost \$30,000, are as absolutely safe and secure as human ingenuity and capital can devise. Private safes may be had at from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars a year, according to the size, and are accessible any time during business hours. Patrons have also the free use of nicely-furnished private offices. This bank was established in 1887, with a paid-up capital of \$100,000; deposits run up to \$35,000, and it now pays a 10 per cent dividend. Chas. E. Husted, the gentlemanly cashier, is a native of Ohio, and was for many years in the railroad business, and latterly in Chicago stockyards, coming to Kansas City in 1887 to take this position. The bank pays 5 per cent interest on time deposits, and 4 per cent on monthly balances on savings accounts. Its affairs are conducted with a view to best interest of depositors. The president, James D. Husted, is president of the Husted Investment Company, and vice president of the First National; John Blomquist is the vice president. The directory includes a reputable and energetic class of men.

Wyandotte Coal and Lime Company, Incorporated 1889; Office 553 Minnesota Avenue, Telephone 456.—In 1889 a company

was incorporated in this city, which for the last seven years has been growing steadily until it is now one of the leading corporations of the West. For six years it was known as the Wyandotte Coal Company, and about a year ago, it was made a corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000, just double that of the old company, and the name changed to Wyandotte Coal and Lime Company. The company has at its head some of the best business men of Kansas City. The president, L. H. Wood, is the big real estate man; vice president, J. B. Scroggs the lawyer. S. E. Harness, the general manager, is a man of superior ability, was the organizer of the company whose success is in no small degree attributable to him; he is a native of Illinois. W. V. Widener, the polite secretary, born in Indiana, and came here from Illinois, is the right man for this position. The auditor, C. K. Wood, is a son of the president. Mr. Overton, the treasurer, is an old coal man, one of the original stockholders and a man who made his mark. The company supplies the largest consumers of coal, the water works, electric light companies, gas works, etc., in Wyandotte County. It has also supplied most of the piping and lime for the city sewerage and building. It has two yards, the larger one being on the North Western Railroad and Missouri Pacific Railway, Second and Nebraska, and the smaller one on the Union Pacific Railroad, Sixth and Bridge. The large yard comprises two acres of ground, completely taken up for storing coal, coke, wood, lime, cement, plaster hair and sewer pipe. The trade supplied is largely retail, and is enormous, requiring twenty-five wagons besides twelve men in the yards. The business dealings of this company are recognized as those of only a first-class concern, and its reputation is one to be envied.

Ford & Troup, Real Estate, 548 Minnesota Avenue; Telephone 1368.—It is a standing adage that while God makes the country, men make cities. Kansas City, Kas., has been made by two things—her factories and her real estate men. The first gave her a ground work of wealth and population, the second have made her, as an attractive place of residence, the finest city in the West. Among these men of brain, stability and enterprise, the names of A. R. Ford and D. W. Troup stand out conspicuous. They have been operating now four years, in which time they have made many important sales and transfers of all kinds of property. They now control, principally, the following eligibly-located and popular additions: Brighton Hill, Silver Place, Bridge Place, Ford & Root's Addition, and many business blocks in the center of the city. They have residences, from three-room, ten-dollar-a-month cottages, to handsome houses of sixteen and twenty rooms, for sale or rent; lots, at all prices from five dollars a foot upwards, suitable for stores, factories, warehouses or residences. They make a specialty of selling and buying, have founded an enviable reputation for reliability, and can refer to hundreds who have bought from them, who are highly pleased with their bargains. They also loan money at easy rates of interest. As business men Messrs. Ford and Troup stand high in public confidence, and as social gentlemen have many friends and admirers. The first is a native of

Wisconsin, spent many years in California, from where he came to Kansas City, Kas., nine years ago. He is adjutant of the K. of P. Mr. T. was born in Ohio, and has lived in Kansas sixteen years, and has been secretary to the Board of Trade since its organization. They have very pleasant offices in the new Husted Building, well supplied with maps, charts and books, and are to be found at all times ready and willing to entertain callers and answer all inquiries, by letter or otherwise.

J. F. Aigler & Co., Real Estate and Loan Brokers, Corner Sixth and Minnesota Avenue.—One of the firms prominently identified with the



J. F. AIGLER.

real estate interests of our prosperous city is J. F. Aigler & Co. They have been operating here for the past four years and have established a reputation for fair and reliable dealing. They have made many important sales and exchanges, in which parties have been pleased with their bargains. They control the sale of Evergreen Place, Howell Heights, and Woodlawn, three of the most beautiful suburban residence sites in the city. These additions are high, slightly, have easy grades, and lie, each, on several lines of quick transportation, nothing less than \$5,000 residences being allowed in the former, being held strictly first-class, the lots being 100x135 feet each; the others being suitable, and held for a greater variety of residences, the prices being low and terms easy. London Heights, one of the best settled additions, has just been sold out by them. Mr. J. F. Aigler, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1877. He was cashier with B. F. Harpster, the banker, of Severance, Kas., four years, and for three years of the firm of Harpster & Aigler, bankers, at Willis, Kas. Mr. Clark, his partner, has been in Kansas eighteen years, and formerly traveled for a wholesale house. They do an extensive business, both in loans and real estate; keep two clerks regularly employed, and are in every way a first-class concern.



MR. CLARK.

H. E. Chadborn, Abstractor of Titles, and Conveyancer.—Every business man knows the value of the services of a competent abstractor of titles. Mr. Chadborn, of 553 Minnesota Avenue, is the leading abstractor of the city. He is a native of New Hampshire, came to Wyandotte County in 1870, and in 1886 established his present business. He now employs three clerks, an executives all work with neatness and accuracy. His business is growing, and the general prosperity of the community will contribute

liberally to such a worthy gentleman, and add to his already large patronage.

W. S. Ferguson & Co., Real Estate and Loan Brokers, 616 Minnesota Avenue.—Messrs. Ferguson commenced operations in '88. They



W. S. FERGUSON.

buy, sell, or exchange improved and unimproved city or farm property, build houses to the order, payable on the installment plan, etc. They represent the largest loan companies in the West: New England Loan and Trust, M. K. & T. Trust, R. M. Snider, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, etc. They write insurance against fire in the old-time companies: Phoenix of

London, Old California, American and Phenix of Brooklyn. They employ a competent corps of clerks, two large safes, and have a new office. Mr. Ferguson is one of those solid "hustlers" who have made Kansas what she is. Born in Kentucky, he was reared in Leavenworth, where he had his furniture store burned out. He was several years in Wichita, from where he came back east to Kansas City. He has had no reason to regret it, for, besides doing a splendid business, he has acquired the confidence of many people.

Marshman & McPherson, Insurance and Loan Agents; Notary Public; Husted Building.—An admirably conducted insurance agency is that of Marshman & McPherson. These gentlemen have been in partnership now since March, a year ago, and by close attention to their affairs and hustling have built up a very substantial trade. They represent the German, Freeport; Firemens, Dayton, Ohio; Rochester German; Oakland Home; New Hampshire; Concordia Fire; Northwestern National; Milwaukee Mechanics; German, Peoria; Rockford; Metropolitan Plate Glass and Standard Accident, of Detroit—all reliable American companies. They can take risks on any class of city or country property to any amount. They also loan money for long or short time on real estate. R. L. Marshman is a native of Ohio; reared in Indiana, was seven years in insurance in Minnesota, and came to Kansas City, Kansas, three years ago. H. P. McPherson was also born in Ohio, was admitted to the bar in 1881, and practiced till he came to Kansas City, in 1886. He is a notary public, and also gives some attention to practice of law.

Crawford & Crawford, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance, 527 Minnesota Avenue.—In October, 1889, there was established at 527 Minnesota Avenue a real estate, loan and insurance office, which has become one of the busiest in this city. The firm is composed of the cousins, J. K. and W. A. Crawford. Both were born in Illinois, where they resided during early life. J. K. came West in 1882, and in 1883 located in Cottonwood Falls, Kas.; here he re-

mained until 1889, when he came to Kansas City. While at Cottonwood Falls he laid out an addition, which is a pride to that city. He is quite prominent in the Masonic Lodge. W. A. was for some four years chaplain of the Kansas Penitentiary, and has been a member of the Methodist Conference since 1874; he came West in 1882. They can show you some very desirable real estate on their books, and the dispatch with which they transact business will certainly continue to draw a large patronage. The insurance companies they represent are the Anglo-Nevada, Fireman's Fund and Girard. Mr. W. A. does a great deal of writing insurance.

Chapin H. Carpenter, Real Estate, Loan and Rental Agency.—The largest rental agency in Kansas City, Kas., is conducted by Mr. Chapin H. Carpenter, of 511 Minnesota Avenue. He also loans private money at three and five years. His son, Chas. H., is kept busy collecting for him. Born in Vermont, Mr. Carpenter came to Kansas in 1854; first settled in Douglas County, south of Lawrence, till '57, when he came to Wyandotte County. His was the first marriage in Douglas County, 5th of April, 1855. For a good many years he lived on the Chelsea Place farm, in Wyandotte County, till he sold this and came to town, five years ago, when he entered his present business. In the early struggle of the State he was with John Brown, the Free-State leader. When the civil struggle commenced he enlisted in Co. F, 8th Kansas Reg't, and ably served the cause. Mr. Carpenter is an honored citizen, and a man of excellent judgment in his business.

W. H. Bigger, Insurance, Loans, Real Estate, 501 Minnesota Avenue.—One of the conscientious men engaged in business in our city is W. H. Bigger, who is a native of Ireland, and in America since 1872. After spending seven years in Colorado he came to Kansas City. Three years ago he embarked in his present line, and has ever enjoyed a safe and always increasing custom. In insurance he represents the Commercial Union, Niagara of New York, National of Hartford, Connecticut of Hartford, German-American of New York, Sun Fire Office, London Assurance Corporation—assets over \$20,000,000. He has also the Pacific Mutual Life and Accident Company. He is also extensively engaged in loaning money on inside improved property, at very low rates, on long time, in amounts from \$500 to \$5,000. He is also a notary.

F. H. Barker, Insurance and Loans, 511 Minnesota Avenue; Telephone 1083.—Mr. Barker is one of the old residents of the city, having come here in 1868. He traveled over ten years through the West, for a wholesale dry goods house, and six years ago settled down in his present business, in which he has ever held substantial relations. In insurance he takes risks of any kind and to any amount, representing the pick of foreign and domestic companies, as follows: American Central, St. Louis; American Fire, Philadelphia; Franklin, Philadelphia; Glenn Falls, N. Y.; Insurance Company North America, Philadelphia; Liverpool and London and Globe, Norwich Union, England; Phenix of Brooklyn; Saint Paul, Minnesota; Security, New

Haven, Conn.; Standard Fire, of Kansas City, Mo.; State Investment and Insurance Company, San Francisco; Underwriters Agency, New York; Westchester Fire, New York. He makes loans on real estate. Mr. Barker is much trusted by the best men of our City. He was born in Connecticut, reared in Illinois, and served in the late war in the 106 Reg't from that State, in the Trans-Mississippi Department. He is an active I. O. O. F., and a genial, careful, pleasant gentleman.

Lewis J. Early, Real Estate.—One of the prominent and successful handlers of real estate in this city is Mr. L. J. Early, who is a native of



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Ohio, but came to Kansas in 1863. For four years a resident of Kansas City, Mo., he foresaw the prosperous future of Wyandotte, and located here in the spring of 1881, purchasing and plating Moody & Early's Addition, Early's First and Second Additions, Morris & Early's, and Glenwood Grove; all of which have been disposed of on the installment plan, thus giving to men unprepared to pay cash an opportunity to secure neat and comfortable homes on the payment of a small sum monthly. Mr. Early was the first man in the city to inaugurate this system, having received as low as five dollars per month. On many of his lots he has built houses, selling the home ready finished at what would be reasonable rent by the month. He is a practical business man in every sense of the word; a shrewd calculator; possessed of untiring energy, and is one of the men who have made the city. Its history could not be written without him. Mr. Early has lately purchased a tract to be called Elmwood, in which his son, G. W. Early, treasurer of the Great Western Manufacturing Company, at Leavenworth, is a partner. He is also engaged in selling Gaylord & Perkins' Addition and Forest Grove, in which he has large personal interests. By leniency, fair dealing, and honest integrity, Mr. Early has won many warm friends. Unerring in his estimate of land values, his judgment is sought and relied upon by capitalists, who consider him one of the most

cautious as well as enterprising and successful dealers in the business.

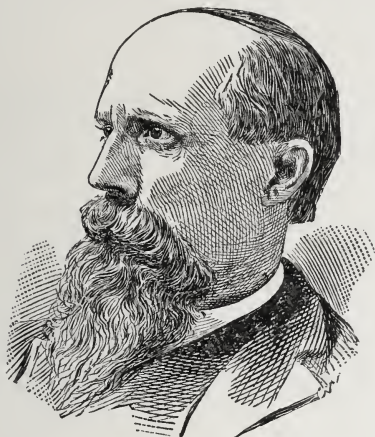
W. N. Woodward, Real Estate and Rental Agent; Office Under Wyandotte National Bank.—One of the most energetic of our citizens, who are working to make this city a great metropolis, is W. N. Woodward, the real estate man. Mr. W. is a native of London, Ky., and has the characteristics of the Kentuckian—robust health, a jovial disposition, a straightforward manner, and any amount of latent force. He came to Wyandotte County in 1871; was eight years merchandising here, and eight years at Clyde, Kas., from where he returned to Kansas City in 1888. Since then he has given his attention to real estate, making a specialty of selling property, and has always on his books good pieces of land, and houses in all quarters of the city and vicinity. Cobb Heights, Edgerton Place, North Fifth Street Place, as well as part of Brighton Hill, are under his control. He has also a number of nice residences for rent. He also finds time for social affairs, and is an active Mason and member of the Royal Arch Chapter.

J. F. Townsend & Co., Real Estate, Loan and Rental Agents, Corner Fifth and Minnesota Avenue.—A recent addition to the progressive spirit of our city is Mr. J. F. Townsend, who established himself here in March. A native of Ohio; he was a number of years in banking at Sterling, Neb., from where he moved here. He handles city property, his specialty being Barnes's Addition to the West Highlands, Forest Park, and Brown's Park, all eligibly located dwelling sites; he also loans money, rents houses, and attends to the property of non-residents. He has his office in the Wyandotte Bank Building, and refers to the banks and leading gentlemen of the city as to his competency and standing.

B. S. Potter, Loan Broker.—This gentleman, who has a pleasant office in the Wyandotte Bank Building is extensively engaged in loaning money. A native of New York State he was some time in milling in Wisconsin, from where he came to Kansas two years ago. He loans for some of the largest companies in the West, on real estate or other security, in large or small amounts, at rates and terms to suit the borrower. He is a man of good judgment, is for Kansas and Kansas City first, last and all the time, and is an important aid to the advancement of our city.

J. F. Cox, Abstracts of Title, 529½ Minnesota Avenue.—This gentleman is experienced in his line of business. He was employed in the William's abstract office, in St. Louis, for twelve years, and became one of their best men; so three years ago he came West, and chose Kansas City to start in for himself. He has not been disappointed, and has, assisted by his brother, Harry Cox, built up a substantial clientage. Mr. Cox is an expert in his business, and has made many abstracts of most complicated titles which other abstracters found too difficult to grapple with, and which, after he finished them, stood successfully the test of the closest scrutiny. The Cox Brothers are pushing young men, and work entrusted to them is got up with neatness and dispatch.

Albert G. Talbott, Real Estate and Loan Broker.
—There are few self-made men but what have more or less interesting history connected with their lives, and but few men have passed through more interesting careers



than the above, Albert G. Talbott. A few facts have been obtained of his past life, that no doubt will be read with interest by all who know him, and many who study the ups and downs of life. When only twelve years of age he left his home in Indiana, and embarked for the then the only known land of gold, California, via New York and Panama. Arriving in this glorious gold-producing section, he at once began to look around and see what he could best do to get his grip on some of the eight-square yellow fifty dollar pieces, that were so plentiful there in those days. Mining was indulged in, and it was no time until young Talbott had accumulated a handsome share, and then he went to San Francisco and engaged in the money broker business, having his office at 84 Montgomery Street, Brannan's Block. Here he remained until, he lost in mining stocks \$150,000. This caused him to strike out, and he again embarked for a more congenial and healthy climate, turning up this time in the great gold-bearing country of Idaho. Soon after his arrival here he conceived the idea that some one would make a fortune who would build a good mountain wagon road from Boise City, in the valley of Boise River, to Idaho City, in the mountains, the then most productive mines in the Northwest. Acting upon this idea, he at once set to work and secured a charter from Ada County, of which Idaho City was the county seat, for a toll road, running twenty years, from Boise to Idaho City. On the 4th of March, 1865, he hired his men and teams and went to work grading on the mountain sides, bridging mountain streams and gulches, and the result was that on May 1st, 1865, he had completed and thrown open to the public as fine a wagon road as could have been found in any mountainous country. On November 1st following, young Talbott had paid for the building of his road and had left \$20,000 to show that his judgment was correct on his enterprise. On the 6th of December, 1865, a fire visited the then great Idaho City, population 16,000, and entailed a loss of nearly all the best business portion, and as the mines, being placer, were then all worked over, a general desertion took place, and by January 1st, 1866, the town was deserted and turned over to the Chinamen, who had flocked in by the thousands, and were working mines paying twenty-five and fifty cents per hand per day. Talbott, seeing that he had made the bulk of profit out of the road, negotiated with and sold to Henry Greathouse, of the Oregon and Idaho Stage Company. Feeling in every way in comfortable circumstances financially, and having a great desire to once more see an entirely civilized section of the United States, he concluded to again turn Eastward, and in April, 1866, he left Boise with twenty wagons and teams and started for Fort Benton, headquarters in the spring of all upper Missouri River boats. He arrived here on May 9th, and on the 14th of May took passage on the first return boat of the season, *Steamer St. John*, Connelley, of St. Louis, captain, for Omaha, Nebraska. Here he made investments through the advice of some of his school boy friends, whom he chanced to meet, that proved very unprofitable and came near causing him to loose nearly all his hard-earned savings. He then determined to seek other fields, and immediately took passage on a steamer and went South via St. Louis, and visited nearly all the Southern cities of

any importance, seeking a new location. One day while in New Orleans, during February, 1868, he was meditating as to what was best to do—go back to California or return North. An idea struck him suddenly, and pulling out of his pocket an old-fashioned copper cent, tossed it up, saying, "Heads up, I go to California; tails up, I go to Leavenworth, Kas." Tails came up, and on April 1st he took the steamer for Leavenworth, Kas., and landed there the 9th of April, 1868. He soon became acquainted and was given a position on the old Leavenworth *Bulletin*, and was one of the men who rendered most valuable service on that paper when A. Caldwell was brought out and elected United States Senator, from Leavenworth, in 1872. When the *Times* and *Bulletin* were merged, in the spring of 1872, he was the advertising man of the consolidated, and when Col. D. R. Anthony bought the *Times*, he was still retained and was soon promoted to business manager of his paper. Here he displayed much ability as a manager and director, and remained here until October, 1878. Becoming wearied of a constantly confining position, he resigned, and was succeeded by his then assistant, Hon. Frank T. Lynch, who is now Leavenworth's post master. Talbott thought to again seek a new field, and went out into the Southwest part of Kansas, in Edwards County, where he engaged in the land and insurance business. The first year was most successful and prosperous for him, but the second year he lost all he had, and seeing no prospect for the near future he immediately pulled up stakes and shipped for Wyandotte, arriving here on April 14th, 1880. He at once took a position under L. H. Wood, and remained with him six months, after which time he became a member of the firm of Wood & Talbott, who conducted a general real estate and insurance business. In 1882 he sold out his interest to L. H. Wood, and took a position as special agent for Kansas, for the Continental Fire Insurance, of New York. After traveling over the State constantly for two years he resigned his position on account of ill health, and again, in 1884, engaged in the real estate and insurance business, since which time he has given his whole time and attention to real estate, and has sold more land adjacent the city, and a greater number of lots and improved city property, than any other one man in the consolidated cities of Kansas City, Kas. In 1884 he was elected member of the State Central (Republican) Committee, and was chosen by that Committee one of the five, of the executive committee, to plan and manage the State campaign which elected John A. Martin, of Atchison, Governor, and defeated Geo. W. Glick, the one-term Democratic Governor. During his whole life, since his majority, he has at all times taken an active part in politics, and always wielding a great influence in city and county affairs. He is a firm believer that there never was nor there never will be another party so great as the old Whig party, out of which grew the new National Saving party, the new Republican party. He believes that no party can maintain America's perpetual free and liberal government, but the Republican party of to-day. Having grown up with the many great property changes, and having manipulated so many sales and purchases, his good judgment is acknowledged to be second to none on values, and he is daily asked to pass judgment on all classes of values. He does a substantial real estate business, and has the utmost confidence reposed in him by all who know him, and he pays every attention to the interests of non-residents who both seek investments in the great metropolis of Kansas, and who desire some reliable person to take charge of and look after their already secured interests. Parties who wish to invest or who have interests they want attended to will receive the utmost satisfaction through Albert G. Talbott, and find him the right man in the right place. No one should invest or make a sale without first consulting him, as he always has on hand bargains for customers and customers for bargains. Office, room 21, over the Wyandotte National Bank, corner Fifth and Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kas.

Hutchings & Keplinger, Attorneys at Law.—A man can never be too wise or too learned to be a lawyer, for at some time or other in his practice his first and last resources will be called into action. It is thus the profession of law has attracted the best talent of our country. An instance of this do we see in the gentlemen composing this firm, C. F. Hutchings and L. W. Keplinger, who stand at the very top of the bar in our State. Mr. Hutchings was born in New York State, was admitted in 1867, in State of Michigan; shortly after came to Kansas, and commenced practice at Lawrence; he afterwards

moved to Neosha County, which he represented in the Legislature in 1873, and came to Kansas City, Kansas, in 1884; he is a director in the Electric Light Company, and in the Belt Railroad. As a forcible and easy speaker, Mr. Hutchings has no superior, and his wonderful energy has enabled him to overcome at times what seemed insurmountable difficulties. His partner, who is conceded a like position as a reliable, solid, all-round lawyer, was born in Illinois, served through the war as captain in an Illinois regiment, and was admitted to the bar at Jacksonville, in 1868; he soon after came to Kansas, settling at Humboldt, where he remained till five years ago, when he came to this city; he was a member of the Legislature in 1876, and is a director in the Wyandotte National Bank. Messrs. Hutchings & Keplinger have been associated in business now five years, in which time they have conducted many large cases with great success in the highest courts of the land. They are attorneys for several corporations and railroads; they have a very complete library, and comfortable offices; their business necessitates the employment of stenographer and of a clerk, and in every way do they sustain the influence of the bar and standing of our growing city.

Mills, White & Wells, Attorneys at Law.—The gentlemen composing this firm are among Kansas's ablest jurists and most influential citizens. F. D. Mills is a native of Michigan; graduated from Ann Arbor; served in the Union army, and shortly after the cessation of hostilities settled in Atchison; he was county attorney there, but has since declined office, though he is a factor in politics; he is an orator, both in the court room and platform. Thos. J. White was born in England, crossed the ocean in '67, and came to Kansas in '71; took his degree in law from Georgetown University in '82; he was secretary to Senator Ingalls seven years; he is a Mason. C. K. Wells is a native of Illinois; studied law at Monmouth College, and was admitted in 1867; he came to Concordia in 1871, and to Atchison in 1875; he has been a member of the Legislature; he was twice county attorney. Messrs. Mills and Wells were twelve years in partnership in Atchison, and when they moved to Kansas City, last fall, were joined by Mr. White. They do a large federal and Supreme Court practice, and are attorneys for the Santa Fé, American Loan and Trust Company, etc.

Foster & Donoho, Lawyers, 527 Minnesota Avenue.—Messrs. Foster & Donoho conduct their affairs with signal ability and shrewdness, and as long as they are with us Kansas City, Kas., will not have to go abroad for able counsel. J. C. Foster came to Kansas from Iowa, his native State, in 1868. He was admitted to the bar at Oskaloosa, where he practiced a few years, when he went to Sauk Centre, Minn., where he practiced till 1889, when he came here. While in Oskaloosa he was attorney for Jefferson County; he is quite an active Mason, and served his country in the late war. M. H. Donoho is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and was reared in Illinois. In '67 he came to Kansas; was in Texas two years, and returned to Humboldt, Kas., where he practiced till 1880, when he went to Colorado. Last year he also came to

Kansas City, Kas.; he served in the army in the 47th Illinois Reg't, and is a member of the Messrs. F. & D. are intelligent and substantial men, thoroughly versed in law, and are a standing example of the much-doubted fact that honorable men can be good lawyers.

Morse & Morse, Lawyers.—A substantial law firm, whose name has been long and favorably known in Eastern Kansas, is that of Morse & Morse, father and son. D. H. Morse, the senior, was born in New York, was admitted in 1858, and practiced several years in Oswego County; he later moved to Illinois, and came to Kansas in '64, settling at Oskaloosa, where he still resides. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F., and K. of P. Wm. J., the junior, was born in Illinois, and reared in Kansas; six years ago he was admitted to the bar, and now ably takes care of the firm's affairs in Kansas City. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. This firm is considered straightforward, thoroughly versed in Kansas law, and has also conducted many important cases in the Federal Courts.

W. H. H. Freeman, Attorney at Law, Wyandotte National Bank Building.—One of the best known names at the Kansas bar, and now one of the leading and solid men of Kansas City, is W. H. H. Freeman. Mr. Freeman is a native of New York State; attended school at Albany, but on hearing Roscoe Conkling, the American Cicero, in the court room, boy-like became discouraged with law, and took a commercial course at the Iron City College, in Pittsburg, where he graduated in 1862, and then went to Johnstown, where he remained with the Cambria Iron Works, as bookkeeper, for about six years, when his old desire to be a lawyer again seized him, and he entered the law office of the Hon. C. L. Pershing of Johnstown. He was admitted to practice in the fall of 1870, and immediately came to Kansas, where he has met and successfully tried cases against many of the best lawyers of the State, in all the State and Federal courts. He settled in Marshall County, where he did a large practice till he came to this rising metropolis in the summer of '87, and has eminently succeeded in getting a large share of the business and the solid confidence of her leading men. Mr. Freeman has always been very successful with corporations and banks, and won many cases for them. Of an unassuming manner, he is a man of firmness, reads a case well up before he undertakes it, and has adopted Abraham Lincoln's rule, to charge only those he really benefits.

Judge Hiram Stevens.—Was born in Ohio. He read law and was admitted to practice in his native State in 1850, and opened an office at Canton, where he continued in practice about three years, when he removed farther West, taking up his residence in Wisconsin, and continuing in practice there until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted as a member of the 31st Wisconsin Inf., and was mustered out in 1865 with the rank of lieutenant. The war being over, he set out for Kansas, and settled in Paola, where he gained distinction as one of the leading lawyers of the State; he served twelve

years as Judge of the Tenth Judicial District. In 1881, at the expiration of his term he opened an office in Kansas City, Kas., becoming head of the firm Stevens, Riggs & Nevison, the last two gentlemen residing at Lawrence. In the practice of law in Kansas, no man has had a more uniformly successful career than Judge Stevens. He was distinguished for fairness and good judgment in his decisions while on the bench, where some of the most important cases in the history of litigation in Kansas have come within his jurisdiction. The Judge, notwithstanding his years, is still active and remarkably well-preserved, and displays the same efficiency in handling cases for which he was distinguished before taking his seat on the bench. The Judge is an affable and cultured gentleman, holding the esteem of many clients and friends.

Moore & Berger, Lawyers, 516 Minnesota Avenue.—Kansas has a national reputation for absorbing the brain and capital of other States. Our best legal talent, attracted by our climate and resources, largely comes from them, and an instance of this is seen in the firm under our immediate notice, Messrs. Moore & Berger. Both gentlemen are natives of Illinois. J. McCabe Moore graduated at McKendree College in 1882; afterwards attended the Union College of Law at Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1886, before the Supreme Court of Illinois; he came to Kansas City, Kas., shortly after, and formed the partnership which has continued prosperously ever since. A. L. Berger is a graduate of McKendrick College, studied law at St. Louis Law School, and was admitted also to the bar in 1886. Mr. Moore is a member of the I. O. O. F., while Mr. B. ably fills the post of assistant county attorney. They are attorneys for the Chicago Lumber Company, for Farmer's and Mechanic's Lumber Company, and other large concerns, and have fairly earned the envied reputation they bear.

Thos. W. Heatley, Attorney at Law, First National Bank Building.—Was born in Pennsylvania, of English parents, and has inherited much of the manners which distinguish the English gentleman. He was educated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; graduated in law from Ann Arbor in 1874; practiced many years in Troy, Kas., removing to Kansas City in 1885. He is well acquainted with all the leading men of the State and the history of Kansas. He was county attorney from '78-'83, delegate to national and State conventions, and has held other offices of trust and confidence. In the Republican State Convention he was a prominent candidate, and received a large vote for Attorney General. He has some attainments in literature, and has contributed in prose and verse to State papers and journals of national repute. He does not forget, in the pressure of business, his social duties, and is a Freemason. He has his offices pleasantly located in the First National Bank Building. He is married, and lives in a neat residence he has recently finished at 748 Sandusky Avenue.

Marsh & Pittman, Lawyers.—One of the important additions to the strength of the Kansas bar, made this year, is the firm of Marsh & Pitt-

man. These gentlemen form a good combination of energy and common sense. Samuel S. Marsh was born near Cleveland, Ohio, in which city he was educated and admitted to the bar in 1879; he practiced there, and was also judge of the city court. Frank Pittman is also a native of Ohio, was reared in Illinois, where he was admitted in 1878; at Monticello he practiced, and also officiated as master in chancery; he is a member of the Masonic order. They came to Kansas City and formed partnership in December, and are rapidly building up a solid clientage among the best people. They have comfortable offices at 524 Minnesota Avenue.

O. K. Serviss, Post Master.—The Post Office of Kansas City, Kas., is one of the most difficult to conduct, owing to the nature of the



city and its wide extent. O. K. Serviss, the post master, is one of our most esteemed citizens. A native of Ohio, he passed ten years of his early life in Iowa, at Mount Pleasant, from where he came to our town in 1866. He has thus grown up with it and helped to give it the prestige to which it has attained as the metropolis of the State. He was many years engaged in the grocery and dry goods trade; was nine years chief of police, and has held other positions of public trust; he was three terms city treasurer, and twice on the council board; he took the position of post master on the 22d day of April, 1889, and besides being a most admirable public servant, is also an active social light, prominent in the Masons, K. P., and I. O. O. F. He has a competent corps of fine polite clerks in the office, and delivers the mail by twelve carriers. He gives the citizens two deliveries a day over the entire city, and an extra one in the principal business blocks. Mr. Serviss is the right man in the right place, genial and affable, regular in his attendance at the office; he is the choice of the Government and the choice of the people.

Wm. E. Stevens, Attorney.—One of our city's commendable young men is Wm. E. Stevens, who has lately been entrusted with the responsibilities of commissioner of the poor. Mr. S. is a son of Judge Hiram Stevens. Born in Wisconsin, he was reared in Kansas, and went

through the University at Lawrence, receiving his bachelor of arts in 1879. He then studied law with his father, and was admitted in 1882. He has since been practicing, and does a modest but substantial and paying practice. He was auditor of the county a term, and now, as commissioner of the poor, very carefully attends to the duties of the position.

John B. Appel, Attorney at Law.—One of the rising young attorneys of Wyandotte bar is John B Appel, bookkeeper of "The Kansas Paving and Construction Company." Mr. Appel was born in New York, graduated from Franklin College, Marshall County, Pa., in 1884, receiving the valedictory of his class. He studied law with Edward Wells, in New York City; he came to Kansas in the fall of 1887, and was admitted to the bar, January, 1889.

Dr. Jno. Troutman; Residence, Ryus Hotel; Office, Odd Fellows' Building.—Dr. Troutman has had a very extensive experience and training in his profession, and is considered an acquisition to our city and State. Born in Ohio, he went through school at Haysville, and commenced life teaching school. This he continued for five years and then turned his attention to medicine, taking his degree from the Missouri Medical College in 1877. He was three years in New York, as surgeon in the Orthopædic Hospital, in the Manhattan Hospital for Nervous Diseases, and at the Seaside Nursery, on Staten Island. He then went to Europe and was physician in the lying-in hospital at Prague, and also took courses at London, Berlin and Vienna. Returning to America, he practiced a short time in Illinois, and in July, '87, came to Kansas. He at once entered on a most prosperous business, which has rapidly grown to tax all his time. He is physician for the Iron Hall, Penn Mutual, Home, of New York, Union Central, of Cincinnati.

A. P. Tenney, M. D.; Office, 540 Minnesota Avenue; Residence, Corner Minnesota Avenue and Eighth Street.—A well known and reliable physician of our city is Dr. A. P. Tenney, who has been a resident in our midst five years. A native of Concord, N. H., he took his degree from the Harvard Medical College, in 1859; he soon after came West, and was many years physician at the Illinois Insane Asylum at Jacksonville. He afterwards practiced at Bloomington, and came to Kansas twelve years ago. He was superintendent of the asylums at Osawatimie and Topeka, and settled in Kansas City in 1887. In these five years he has gained the solid confidence of the people here, has obtained a very large and select practice. The Doctor is a prominent member of the State Association, is a Scottish Rite Mason, and an I. O. O. F.

B. T. Hughs, Dental Rooms, Corner Fifth and Minnesota Avenue, upstairs.—Among those in the West who stand well up in this profession, is Dr. B. T. Hughs. Native of Ohio, he graduated from the Ohio Dental College in 1880, practiced three years in Dayton, in partnership with A. C. Hall, and then came to Kansas City, where he has developed an influential patronage among the best people. He occupies centrally-located

rooms, and has them furnished in an elaborate manner. He has his brother, a graduate of Kansas City Dental College, as assistant. He has two operating chairs, with every movement, besides which he procures every new instrument as it comes out. He practices the science in all its branches, and is only prepared to do first-class work. This large practice necessitates that patients make appointments for day and hour. Dr. Hughs is favorably regarded by the public, and is prompt in all his relations and engagements.

Dr. C. R. Fairchild; Office, 409 Minnesota Avenue; telephone 106.—One of the best known members of the medical fraternity in the West is Dr. C. R. Fairchild, of Kansas. Born in Chenango County, New York, he received his diploma from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1843; he practiced from 1844 to 1852 in Hancock County, Ohio, then in New York City, in Illinois, and when the war broke out he was in Louisiana; he was surgeon in the United States army, and when peace returned settled in St. Joseph, Missouri. In 1870 he moved to Seneca, Kansas, where he did a flourishing practice till he came to Kansas City, in June, 1885. Here he does a large business. His residence, 409 Minnesota Avenue, is also arranged as a sanitarium, with accommodation for lying-in patients, and any such who wish to be constantly under his care, while sick. He makes a specialty of gynecology in which he has a reputation second to none. He has his sanitarium furnished with modern conveniences, is quite a believer in electricity; he has the best electric bath made; he also has been compelled, from the many mistakes he has seen druggists make, to carry a prescription stock of his own. He is also entering into the manufacture of artificial limbs, with his son, which are conceded by the railroad physicians to have the best ankle joint made. He was led into this by his son who lost his leg, but gets around splendid at his old position, train baggage master, with the new limb; they have taken out all patents and are now manufacturing for sale. Dr. Fairchild, in conducting his sanitarium, is ably assisted by his wife, and we take pleasure in mentioning him among our representative men.

Doctor Powell, Eye and Ear; Office, Room 39 Wyandotte Bank Building.—Doctor Powell was born in the tight little State of Delaware; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1878; he took a special course under the famous Theobald, at the Baltimore Eye and Ear Infirmary. He came here from Reading, Pa., in September, 1889, and at once entered on a paying business, being the only eye and ear specialist in this city. He is an active member of the Red Men, I. O. O. F., American Mechanics, and also a deputy supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum.

Winfield Freeman, County Attorney.—Was born in Ohio, admitted to the bar in December, '69, and practiced nine years at Eaton, Ohio, where he was also prosecuting county attorney. He then came to Kansas, settling in Minneapolis, and in '84 came to Kansas City. On the 27th of November last he was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retiring attorney.

Chas. E. Bruce, County Clerk.—One of our city's most popular and worthy young men, who has recently been elected to be county



clerk, is Chas. E. Bruce. Mr. Bruce was born in Kansas City, Kas., and has followed the calling of a telegraph operator ever since he left school. He rose to be one of the best known and most able operators in the fraternity; latterly was chief operator in the Mo. Pac. Railroad, and is still prominently associated with them; he has been for the last five years a leading member of the order of American Railroad Telegraph Operators, and is at present grand senior, which is the second highest post in the Order. He is also a Mason, and vice chancellor of the K. of P. He is a camp counsel of the Sons of Veterans, and one of the principal officers of the Union Club. He was elected to the office of county clerk by a majority of 228, being one of the few Republican candidates elected this term. His systematic training, business sense, and natural politeness well adapt him to this office, and, with a competent corps of assistants, he is conducting its affairs in a masterly manner.

Geo. Monahan, Probate Judge.—One of the most valuable and esteemed men in our court house is Geo. Monahan, the judge of probate. He is a native of Scotland, and has many of the sterling points found in the character of that people—such as a laudable inclination to learn everything, to have and form their own opinions on important topics, to keep a cool head and do as they would wish to be done by. He came to America in 1869, and settled in Osage County, Kas., in 1877. In 1882 he came to Kansas City, Kas., and after holding several minor positions was elected to this office, taking his seat in January last. He is well suited to the post, and in the trial of several cases of great interest has presided with dignity and discretion to the entire satisfaction of all.

M. W. Stewart, Treasurer of Wyandotte County.—A gentleman who is an ornament to the court house is M. W. Stewart, the county treasurer. Mr. Stewart has grown up with Wyandotte County, is known to, and knows every man, woman and child in it. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, his father moved here in 1857; young

Stewart was thus reared on a farm, and also later engaged for five years in butchering in town. In October, 1887, he was elected to the office of county treasurer by a majority of 500 Democratic, in a Republican county; not content with this, his admirers re-elected him last fall with an increased majority—636. Mr. Stewart is most admirably suited to this office. As reliable and correct as the sun, he is polite to all callers, and demands the same of his corps of competent clerks. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., and gives tone to the office he so gracefully fills.

E. E. Rowland, Book and Job Printer, 502 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Rowland does credit to the printing business, and all work he undertakes is executed in a manner bespeaking taste and a long acquaintance with the mysteries of the "take" and the press. A native of Ohio, he learned his trade in Norwalk, and came to Kansas in 1869, settling at Emporia, where he remained till he came to Kansas City in September last. He employs two hands and two presses; his type and stock is all new. He is prepared to print letter heads, cards, blanks, bill heads, envelopes, and all forms of office stationery; also, ladies' calling cards, in any style or color of ink, wedding cards, circulars, posters, catalogues, and, indeed, anything in the printing line, at reasonable figures and at short notice.

Mount Bros. Transfer Company.—The progress of Kansas City is shown by the career of such firms as the Mount Bros., whose success is the reward of their own indomitable energies. As boys they were reared in this city, and have grown up with it to be leaders in its business life. The older brother, J. J., commenced in transfer eight years ago with a single horse and wagon, both purchased on borrowed money. Four years later J. W. became a partner. Now they have as fine teams and equipment as are to be seen in the West, and have a comfortable surplus in the bank. They have four double, one single team, also heavy trucks for moving safes and machinery. They do a general transfer and express business, and have a special reputation for moving pianos and such delicate family furniture with care; they pack, ship and store goods, hunt up lost goods, etc. They employ a polite and active corps of men and attend to orders at once, if left at any of the following addresses: 632 Teraumie, 406 North Sixth, Bernhard's or Homuth's Bookstores, and Swingley & Quarles Stables; their telephone is 106. The Mount Bros. do the hauling of the banks and the leading firms of the city. They are never in anything else but a jolly mood, and the good treatment they have received from the world is but a consequence of their treating others honestly and rightly.

E. Phillips, Pure Tea and Coffee, Fine Flour and Groceries, 444 Minnesota Avenue.—This store has been established six years, and has met with pronounced success. The room is 30x90 feet, filled with a fine stock of everything usually kept by a first-class grocery. Two delivery wagons and four employés are required to attend to the heavy custom. Mrs. E. Phillips has conducted the business since the death of her husband. The success that has attended

her efforts reflects great credit upon her. She is popular with customers and honored by all, both in a social and business way.

E. W. Towner, District Court Clerk.—Is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a machinist by trade. He came West in 1882, and was em-



ployed in the U. P. shops till requested by his friends to run for public office. This he did in November, 1888, and has since filled the duties of his position most satisfactorily to the court, bar and public; he is well assisted by a large corps of deputies and clerks. In the late war Mr. Towner rendered meritorious service to the cause of freedom in the 5th Ohio Cav.; he was with Burnside in North Carolina. He is an active Mason and G. A. R. man. He was three years a member of the county school board, and in everything public and private he has undertaken, has shown himself eminently worthy of all confidence.

The Hub Clothing House, 508 Minnesota Avenue, Abe Klein.—The enterprising spirit displayed in the management of the Hub Clothing House is a theme of remark in this community. Born in Alsace, Mr. Klein crossed the ocean in 1878, and came to Kansas soon after. He has been ten years in clothing, and opened for himself in July, 1888. The store has twenty-five feet front, runs back ninety feet, and has also a large basement. It is systematically divided into different departments—men's, boys' and children's. The stock consists of elegant suits for evening wear, overcoats, pants, also overalls, gents' furnishings and underwear. Mr. Klein is ably assisted by four competent salesmen. He is also a popular social gentleman, whose word is regarded as good as his bond.

Toy Bros., Commission, Storage and Wholesale Grocers, Northeast Corner Third and Minnesota Avenue.—A review of Kansas City would be incomplete without mention of the great firm of Toy Bros. They have resided here ten years, and have been four years in the wholesale-business. They have a good trade established, both local and with outside towns along the K. C. W. & N. W. road. They carry a \$20,000 stock of flour, feed and wholesale groceries, and

occupy a building 50x100 feet, three stories high. They run two wagons, and employ three men. The wholesale department is under the management of Mr. J. F. Toy, a popular gentleman of great executive ability, who has built up a brisk and extensive trade.

J. Bloedel, Harness, Saddles, Horse Clothing, Brushes, Combs, Trunks, Valises, Etc.; Perfection Draft Attachments; 420 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Bloedel has been established thirteen years, and has a large and permanent trade. He carries a fine \$8,000 stock in a store-room 30x100 feet, and employs four men constantly to keep pace with his business. He is the patentee of perfecting draft attachments that are the finest arrangements ever invented for the purpose. Mr. Bloedel is a genial gentleman, who makes and holds friends.

A. H. Simms, Contractor and Builder; Shop, rear 607 State Avenue; Residence, 2019 North Sixth Street.—One of the most reliable men of our city is A. H. Simms, the carpenter and builder. A native of the State of Virginia, Mr. Simms came West twenty years ago; he was eight years in Leavenworth before he came to our city, four years ago. The change he then made, has proven a most propitious one, and he has deservedly accumulated quite a handsome competency. He employs on an average fifteen men; among them the finest workmen in town. A practical man himself from the ground up, his father having been a carpenter before him, Mr. Simms has been entrusted here with important jobs. He built Beebe's store and some of the best residences, and other building in the city. He has also a nice residence of his own at 2019 North Sixth. Mr. S. is one of our hustlers, and has just moved into a spacious shop, with comfortable office, at 607 State Avenue. Prominent in business, he does not forget his social duties, and is an active member of the Freemasons.

Swingley & Quarles, Livery and Undertaking, 401-403 Minnesota Avenue.—In every community there are firms who, by reason of their known high standing, by their age and



their ability to amply fulfill what they undertake to do, stand out as leaders. Such a firm are Messrs. Swingley & Quarles. Their premises have been stables since about the close of the

war. They were taken by Mr. Swingley in 1887 who was joined a year later by Mr. Quarles. They now consist of a spacious four-story barn, 50x150 feet, and an adjoining building 25x150, used for undertaking. They have for livery purposes thirty head of fine horses; they accommodate some forty-five regular boarders. They have any number of buggies, phaetons, family carriages, etc., and for funeral uses two hearses and five hacks. With telephone call, and some twelve odd polite employes, they can furnish turnouts at a moment's notice, at any hour, day or night. The proprietors are model men, and combine aptitude and experience in a marked degree. Mr. S., originally from Illinois, has lived in our city thirty years, has grown up with it, and is very popular. Mr. Q., a native Kentuckian, is a typical horseman; he has lived in Kansas since 1857, was long in Leavenworth and Olathe, and has been in stock-raising and livery all his life. He always has on hand a select stock of roadsters, saddlers, etc. Anyone contemplating purchasing a fine horse ought not to fail to see him.

G. Dudley Carr, Wholesale Commission Merchant, Third Street and Minnesota Avenue. —The business of commission is one that requires judgment, foresight, business ability and popularity. No one unites these qualities more than G. D. Carr, who does a general brokerage business, and handles all kinds of merchandise and produce. He is a student of the markets, and knows where to find the best customers. His honor and integrity are recognized as above reproach, and he gives his personal attention to his affairs, thus insuring satisfaction to patrons.

Alex. Collins, Baker, Caterer, 524 Minnesota Avenue. —The record of Kansas City's great caterer and confectioner, Alex. Collins, is a splendid example of what pluck, industry and intelligence can raise a man to in this Western country. A native of Canada, Mr. Collins came West in 1872, and in 1886 started in a very small way at 436 Minnesota Avenue; after occupying these sixteen months he moved to better quarters at 442. For twenty-eight months he catered here to the people's wants, and in December last opened the magnificent premises he now occupies. These consist of a three-story building, divided into various departments. The street floor, 25x100, has in the rear the restaurant; the front is given over to confections and fancy bread, and looks on to the street through large low plate glass windows. The first basement is used as kitchen and candy factory; the second as fancy bakery. On the corner of Fourth and State, Mr. Collins has a building 75 feet square, which is the bakery proper. In this line he does the business of the city, running four wagons for regular delivery. In the summer season he does an immense ice cream trade. Everything in this establishment is first-class and modern, and it is really one of the sights of the city, as is its proprietor, one of those men who will always rise to the top.

Geo. S. Colby, Architect, 546 Minnesota Avenue. —Geo. S. Colby was the first architect to open an office in our city. Reared in New York City, he has had an experience of twenty-

five years as an architect. He was eight years superintendent of buildings of the New York Central Railroad, and in Kansas City thirteen years, during which time he has planned many of the principal buildings and residences here. He has well-appointed and spacious offices over the Northrup Bank, where he keeps two draftsmen regularly at work; he is county architect; has been architect of school board of the city. He belongs to the uniform rank of K. P., K. of H. and A. O. U. W. He was several years chief of the city volunteer fire department, and has ever lent a liberal hand in advancing the public good.

W. T. Maunder, Books and Stationery. —One of the best conducted stores in our city is the stationery and book establishment of W. T. Maunder, at 520 Minnesota Avenue. Mr. M. started in this line four years ago, and from the first has done a large and prosperous trade. His establishment is 25x80 feet, and is admirably arranged. Besides a full line of stationery and school books, it contains a large circulating library, which anyone can join by paying a small fee. Office supplies, newspapers, and periodicals, blank books, and trunks are also carried, as well as a very fine assortment of cigars. Mr. Maunder gives close attention to his store, and is well assisted by competent help. A native of Canada, he was reared in Michigan, from where he came to Kansas City ten years ago. He has staid by the town, and risen by industry and push to be one of our responsible and esteemed citizens.

V. J. Lane & Co., The Wyandotte *Herald*. —This paper was established by V. J. Lane, eighteen years ago, at which time there were few Democratic organs in the State. For years it has stood foremost amongst the one hundred or more organs of Democracy occupying the field of Kansas. The paper is issued weekly, is four pages, 24x36 inches, seven columns. Advertisers are naturally numerous in a sheet which circulates amongst a class of intelligent readers. Mr. Lane was born and reared in Pennsylvania, coming to this State in 1857. Being a public-spirited gentleman, alive to the wants of a fast-developing State, he has been before the people ever since. He has represented Wyandotte County in the Legislature, and filled the position of register of deeds. B. R. Lane and F. G. Jackson, practical printers, attend to the printing department, in which six men are also required in this and the mechanical part of the paper, for which they occupy two floors, editorial and composing rooms above, presses and counting rooms below. Mr. Lane is one of the solid institutions of the city, and has been a leader in holding out the advantages of this the Magic City of the West.

Blomquist Bros., Merchant Tailors, 514 Minnesota Avenue. —

"Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,
Neat, not gaudy, for the apparel oft proclaims the man."

Among those who have tended to hold merchant tailoring in a prominent position are the Blomquist Bros. John Blomquist, the senior partner, started here five years ago, and was

joined by his brother Charles, in August, 1887. In July, 1888, they moved into their present store, 25x60 feet. Here we find a varied stock of the best imported woollens, from which a gentleman cannot fail to find something suitable for a business suit, evening dress, overcoat, pants, riding habit, etc. Messrs. Bomquist do their own cutting, and employ some twelve expert tailors for sewing and finishing. They also carry fine hats and gents' furnishing goods. They do strictly a fashionable trade, and have the regular custom of the leading gentlemen of the city. Messrs. Blomquist were born in Sweden. John came to this country in the spring of 1869, and was tailoring at Oregon, Ill., till he came to Kansas City, Kas., in 1885. He is vice president of the Fidelity Savings, and also of the First National Bank. Charles came to America in 1872; he is the society man of the firm, representing it in the Masons and I. O. O. F. Messrs. Blomquist are very popular among a large circle of friends. They opened their south side establishment, corner Seventh and Kansas Avenue, in the fall of 1889. It is 20x40, and employs six men and a cutter, F. G. Ring, who has been with Mr. Blomquist since he started in Kansas City.

Arrighi's Meat Market.—Nothing delights a hungry man so much as stepping into a clean, neat meat market, where everything is fresh, and to buy a nice juicy steak, or chop, sausages, fish, poultry, game, oysters, vegetables, etc., on his way home. Such a place is the meat market kept by Mr. W. D. Arrighi, at 503 Minnesota Avenue. Mr. A. has been in the business three years; established for himself in June, 1889, and has worked up a splendid trade. Born in Natchez, Miss., Mr. Arrighi came to Kansas seven years ago, with \$6.50 in his pocket, and by hard work and good judgment has won position, and is meeting with meritable success.

Theo. Schultz, Staple and Fancy Groceries, 544 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Schultz is a native of Prussia, came to America in 1856, and ten years later located in Kansas City, Kas. He espoused the cause of the Union in the late war and served four years in the 55th Illinois Reg't. Since his location here his friends have shown their regard for his character and ability by electing him county commissioner and councilman. He is a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. He commenced business on this stand in 1870. The store-room is 25x60 feet, and is well stocked with the freshest of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Schultz is the busiest man around the store. His already large trade and number of acquaintances increase as do the days.

Mrs. K. Driffil, Photographs, Sixth and Barnett Streets.—Mrs. Driffil's success in her business is an example of how readily Kansans appreciate a woman's efforts, and how well adapted a lady is to an artistic calling. A native of the State of Iowa, she has resided in Kansas seven years, during which time she has been in the photographic business. In April last she opened her attractive gallery here, and has obtained a flattering patronage. She employs a retoucher and a finisher, and undertakes all work, from "gem" to life size; picture fram-

ing and mounting, crayon enlargements, water and oil coloring, pastels, etc.; also outside work on stores and residences, when required. Mrs. Driffil charges very reasonable rates, and always makes customers satisfied.

E. Homuth, 546 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. E. Homuth's Book and Stationery Store is an example of solid ability and wide-awake progress. Though starting business from a modest



beginning, Mrs. Homuth, as well as Mr. Homuth himself and two clerks, are now constantly kept busy attending the wants of their large circle of patrons. Their stock has kept pace with the city's growth, in quantity and variety of books, wall papers, office and school supplies, stationery, bric-a-brac, toys, ceramics, etc. Mr. Homuth is constantly on the watch for the "signs of the times," and the desires of his customers, and promptly supplies any new demand. He never hangs back, but takes the lead in his line, and puts his shoulder to the wheel in all progressive public undertakings. Mr. Homuth is a native of Germany, and is a notary public, and has been accredited at the Imperial German Consulate of St. Louis. This fact has often made it possible for him to render valuable consular service to his countrymen when it was most needed.

A. G. Slangstrom, Groceries, Corner Sixth and Elizabeth Streets.—One of the enterprising and progressive men of our city is A. G. Slangstrom. Mr. S. is a native of Sweden; crossed the ocean in '69, and at once came to Kansas, where he engaged profitably in farming up to seven years ago, when he came to town and opened the store he has conducted ever since. When he started there was a very small population to want groceries in this vicinity, but Mr. S. did not become discouraged, and went steadily on giving the best goods for the least money, and to-day he has his reward in a com-

fortable bank account and a solid trade. His store is 26x60 feet. The adjoining building of similar dimensions he has stocked with flour and feed. He employs three polite assistants and runs a wagon for delivery.

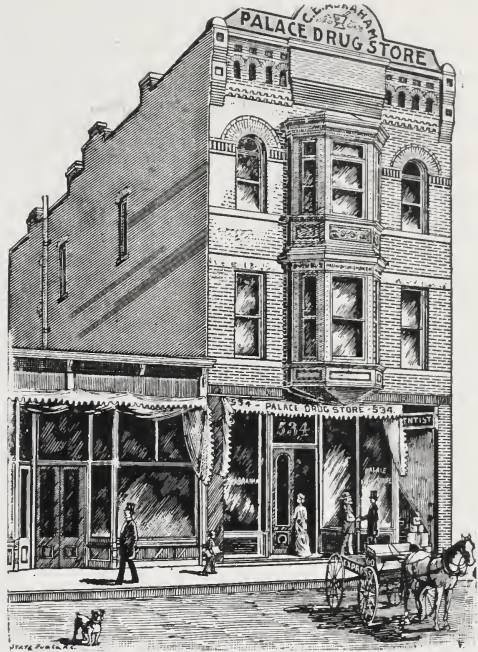
Harris's Famous Clothing House, 500-502 Minnesota Avenue.—Mark Harris, proprietor of the Famous Clothing House, is one of the pushing men of this progressive city. Born and reared in Chicago, the vim of the men of that city courses through his veins. Bred to the clothing trade, his success here is not to be wondered at. He opened here five years ago, and has done a booming business from the start. This February he took in the adjoining store, and now has fifty feet front by one hundred deep. His stock, running some forty-five thousand dollars in value, contains all the latest fashions in clothing, hats and caps, neckwear, under-clothing, etc. Three salesmen at all times stand ready to attend to custom. His establishment is one of the institutions of our cosmopolitan city, and visitors will find its owner also a courteous gentleman, a member of the K. of P., A. O. U. W., etc.

J. J. Collins & Son, Groceries, Provisions and Feed.—This is the oldest grocery firm in the city. Mr. Collins is a native of Vermont, but was reared in Michigan. In 1862 he came to Kansas, and in 1863 established a grocery store, at the corner of Main and Fifth Street. The firm now does business at Nos. 2120 and 2122 Third Street and Minnesota Avenue, where Mr. Collins owns three lots, and the two large buildings occupied by his stores, one a feed store, the corner being the grocery. This firm is one of the solid business houses of the city, it doing both a wholesale and retail business, and also handle corn, oats, etc. on consignment. A specialty is fine brands of flour. Mr. Collins is a gentleman of wide experience. After starting in business here in the sixties, he disposed of it and went to Texas, for eleven years. Returning to Kansas City, Kas., in 1883, he opened up at his present location. He served his country in the 10th Kansas Reg't. He spent five years of his life in Jefferson County, Kas. His son is a chip of the old block, a native of our city, and a capable business man.

F. G. Husson, Hardware, 543 Minnesota Avenue.—One of the most thorough-going men in business in our city is F. G. Husson, the hardware man. Mr. Husson started in this town in the spring of '83 on the corner of the Avenue and Fifth Street. On 1st January, '89, he instituted the strictly cash system in his business, and offers goods lower than any credit house in town. On the 1st day of January he opened at 543 Minnesota Avenue, where he owns lots and building. His store itself is 20x100 feet. Mr. H. makes a specialty of fancy builders' hardware and imported table and pocket cutlery. He also, on the first day of the year, opened a store at Lovelace, which is attended to by his brother, and where, besides hardware, a full line of groceries is carried. Mr. Husson is a native of Ohio; he early apprenticed himself to the tinners' trade; he came West in 1876 to Southern Kansas; he opened a store at Caldwell in 1877; he

was one of the members of the first board of aldermen of that city; he came to Kansas City in 1882. He is an I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. He sells only the best quality of goods, and if you want such you must come to him.

C. E. Abraham, Druggist and Pharmacist, 534 Minnesota Avenue.—One of the substantial business men of whom our city is made up is



C. E. Abraham, the popular druggist. Mr. A. has traveled on more than one continent, and came to Kansas five years ago, opening in July, 1886, a store further down the on the avenue. Last year he finished his present building and moved into it. It is 25x80 feet, three stories and basement, the two upper floors being used for office rooms. His drug store looks onto the street through too large plate glass windows, is elegantly fitted with every convenience, including telephone. Mr. A.'s establishment is by far the finest on the avenue, and is headquarters for drugs. He is assisted by two registered clerks. Mr. A. is a native of Albany, N. Y., and takes an active part in the general welfare.

Moore Bros., Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, Telephone 1565.—At the corner of Fourth and Minnesota Avenue is a large brick stable, 50x120 feet in area, run by Messrs. Moore Bros. This stable was built some ten years ago, is one of the substantial buildings of the city. Mr. Z. C. Moore, of the firm, was three years associated with Mr. Claybaugh in the business, but in October, 1889, Mr. W. L. Moore purchased Mr. Claybaugh's interest, and thence was organized the present firm. These gentlemen were born in Illinois, have been residents of Kansas for three years, are live young men, and are fast working up a splendid business.

B. Craig, Boots and Shoes, 527 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Craig is a good type of the energetic Westerner. A native of Lafayette, Ind., he first came to Kansas in 1858, but during the war returned to his native place. The ways of the East were, however, too slow for him, so in '64 he came out to Colorado, remaining till 1881, when he returned to Kansas City, judiciously investing in real estate, which has since enhanced largely in value. In February, a year ago, he opened this store, at 527 Minnesota Avenue, from which he now does the trade of the town in his line. It is 25x80 feet, and has all the advantages of modern premises, everything about it being new. Mr. C. selects his stock with care, and is known for his strict integrity. He is well assisted in attending to custom by his son and other help. Mr. Craig is a genial gentleman, and standing well financially, is also a member of the Freemasons and I. O. O. F.

W. P. White, Wall Paper, Paints, Oils Glass, and Painters' Supplies, 411 Minnesota Avenue.—The best painter in Kansas City, Kas., is W. P. White, whose place of business consists of an attractive two-story brick, and is filled to overflowing with a heavy stock of wall paper, mixed paints, oils and varnishes, etc. Mr. W. employs some fifteen men, experts in their separate lines of paper hanging, kalsomining, house and sign painting, etc. The work done by this establishment, in beauty, durability and finish, is not surpassed, and the proprietor points with pride to all the best looking residences and stores of Eastern Kansas as his work. Mr. White was born in New York State; he learned his trade there, and has been in Kansas eighteen years and in Kansas City eight. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., Iron Hall, A. O. U. W., etc. He is a man of fine taste, and can tell you exactly what color and pattern will suit your furniture.

City Meat Market, J. W. West, Proprietor, 608 Minnesota Avenue.—To many of the old residents of Kansas City, Kas., the name of J. W. West, whose father, Henry West, operated the first clothing store in this town, will be familiar. Mr. West was born in this city and established himself in business four years ago; he keeps every kind of fresh and salt meats, fish, poultry, game and vegetables; oysters, in season, in bulk and in cans, are sold. Nothing but first-class goods are kept on hand. All orders left at the place are delivered free. Courteous attention is always given by Mr. West, as his large trade will testify.

Wm. Pray, Dry Goods and Notions, Odd Fellows' Block.—In the bazaars of Asia the venders of silks keep the largest stalls; in London, whole streets are given over to cloth merchants; while in New York entire blocks are occupied by single dry goods houses. In every community do we find the dry goods men among the richest merchants. In the house of Wm. Pray, the pioneer and leader in his line in this city, do we see a striking example. Mr. Pray started as Green & Pray in 1880, and since 1884 has been alone. He came into his present store in February, 1885, having it specially built for his purposes; it is 25x80 feet. The crowd of

callers is waited on by as lady-like and intelligent a corps of clerks as will be found anywhere. This is a feature of Mr. Pray's business methods; he pays his help good salaries and gets the best salesladies that can be obtained. The stock contains everything known under the head of dry goods. The line of ladies' kid gloves and ribbons is as varied as will be found west of New York. Mr. Pray is one of the best known men in the West, coming to Iowa from his native State, Ohio, as a lad in 1855; he was eleven years mail agent between Kansas City and Denver; he has been a resident of Kansas City, Kas., twenty years, and is a member of the Freemasons and Odd Fellows.

Ferguson & Brown, Pianos and Organs, 616 and 618 Minnesota Avenue.—Have been established nearly two years, and have increased their trade steadily. The store they occupy is too small, and when they can find larger premises will move. They carry a complete stock of pianos of all kinds, organs for house and church use, violins, brass instruments, sheet music and musical supplies; they sell the best instruments as cheap, and in some instances cheaper, than they can be got in other cities. W. S. Ferguson, the senior partner, is the well-known real estate man. R. G. Brown, the managing partner, was reared in this line of business in his native city, Boston; he was, before coming West, with Estey.

W. B. Raymond, Undertaker, 431 Minnesota Avenue.—Mr. Raymond has resided here over twelve years. Before that he saw considerable of the world. A native of Kentucky, as a boy he served in the United States Navy, and after the war went to Detroit with one of his comrades in arms, and there apprenticed himself to Geo. W. Latimer, the undertaker. He has thus been in this business twenty-two years. During the eight years he has been for himself he has made quite a competency, and conducts an institution, a credit to the city. The office and store, carrying a full line of wooden and metallic caskets, shrouds, wreaths and general funeral supplies, open on Minnesota Avenue, 431; telephone 588. In the rear are the stables, where six horses are kept groomed and ready to respond at a moment's call; there are two hearses and four hacks. The lot adjoining is occupied by Mr. Raymond's residence. Mr. Raymond is the founder of all the undertaking establishments in Wyandotte County, except two. He is a member of the Rebecca Degree, No. 6, and Wyandotte Encampment, No. 9, and I. O. O. F., No. 3; Iron Hall, 816; K. of P., Myrtle Lodge, No. 1; degree of honor in the A. O. U. W.; Tauromee Lodge, No. 30; Court Wyandotte, No. 6677, A. O. of F. Running no livery in connection with his undertaking, his name is well known over Eastern Kansas, where he supplies many of the local undertakers with their goods.

W. A. Griswold, Grocer, 506 Minnesota Avenue.—A native of Vermont, Mr. Griswold early moved West, and was reared in the State of Illinois. Eight years ago he came to Kansas City, Kas., and opened a store which became too small, and in 1887 he moved into his present

premises. He occupies a spacious store, 25x100 feet, with basement. He carries a heavy stock of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, sugars, syrups, spices, canned goods, pickles, table delicacies, etc. He is assisted in attending to his many callers by three polite hands, and keeps two wagons going. Mr. Griswold leaves no stone unturned to please customers, and deservedly has acquired quite a competency.

Wyandotte Plumbing Company, Thomas Lloyd, Manager, 540 Minnesota Avenue.

—One of the concerns whose growth is another proof of this city's rapid progress, is the Wyandotte Plumbing Company, T. E. C. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd is a native of Sheffield, where he learned the trade of plumbing; he crossed the ocean eight years ago; was in Utica, N.Y., and Iowa, and came to Kansas City, Kas., in July, 1884. The thoroughness of his work was at once recognized here,

and in a short time he was doing all he could attend to. He works now about fourteen experts regularly in plumbing, gas and steam fitting. He has laid a large portion of the sewerage put down by the city, at times employing seventy-five men. His premises consist of a basement, 25x90, where he carries a heavy stock of supplies—lead pipe, wash basins, marble, zinc and iron sinks, street stop boxes for gas and water, hose, cistern pumps, bath tubs, gas fixtures and burners, plumbers' goods. He has also an office and store at 549 Minnesota Avenue. He is agent for the Detroit hot water heater, and for the combination gas machine.

Consolidated Electric Light and Power Company, B. Friedberg, Manager.

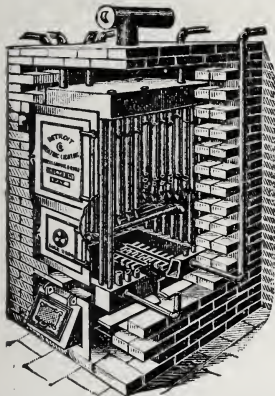
—This company was organized in 1888, on a capital of \$100,000, with some of the city's best men as its officers, I. D. Wilson, president; Mark Harris, vice president; Ben. Schnierle, secretary; B. Friedberg, treasurer and manager, and F. C. Hutchings, attorney. On the 10th February, 1889, the city was lit for the first time by electricity, and the company has rapidly increased its business. They light the streets with 113 arc lights, and have another 137 taken by private parties; they have over one thousand incandescent lights in use in stores, offices and residences. Their plant is located at the corner of Fifth and Central Avenue, in a building 50x70 feet; they use the Excelsior and Westinghouse systems, have eleven dynamos (nine arc, two incandescent), two engines, a 350-horse Hamilton-Corliss compound, and a 125-horse, Armington-Sims; the capacity is about double the present requirements; the company also furnish motive power to factories; they have seventy miles of wire and offer to consumers light and power in all

parts of the consolidated city, at a less cost than gas, and a little above oil. Mr. Friedberg came to America in 1870, and soon settled in Kansas, engaging in merchandising, and becoming one of our substantial citizens. He organized this company and has conducted it in a masterly manner, and the electric light is to be looked upon as one of our city's proudest acquisitions.

Hogg & Rose, Architects, Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas.—Among the foremost architects of this country, stand Hogg & Rose. Mr. Hogg was born in Hannibal, Missouri, reared in Quincy, Illinois, from where he went to Chicago, entering the office of S. S. Beman. Mr. Rose was born in Ogdensburg, New York, learned the business in New York City, in which place he was engaged for five years. For the past three years he has been located in Kansas City, Kansas. The extensive business of this firm necessitates two offices—one at 609 Baird Building, Sixth and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, over which J. O. Hogg, presides; this office employs four assistants. Wm. W. Rose looks after the interests of the Kansas office, located at 538 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Rose is also an active Mason, being closely identified with the workings of the lodge here. Among the many fine buildings they have planned, are the office and store buildings of Wyandotte Loan and Trust Company, Beard Building, Ide Block, J. I. Reynolds buildings and others in Kansas City, Kansas; Caldwell Block, Leavenworth, Kansas. Public school buildings at Salisbury and Odessa, Missouri; Christian church at Cameron, Missouri, and residences of Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust Company—H. P. Jaques (Purchasing Agent, Ft. S. & G. R. R.) Stanley Conklin, etc., Kansas City, Missouri.

B. F. Berry, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance, 505½ Minnesota Avenue.—Kansas City, Kas., has, in the person of Mr. Berry, an absolutely safe and reliable man. Mr. B. was born in Maine, and served in the army in the 7th Maine Bat. At the close of hostilities he came to Chillicothe, Mo., where he carried on a successful real estate business till 1883, when he came to Kansas City, where he has acquired a very large and prosperous trade, his list including some of the choicest property in town. In insurance he represents the Imperial, N. B. & M. Fire Association, of Philadelphia, and the Phoenix of Brooklyn. Mr. B. besides being prominent in business is generally an influential factor for the community's good standing. He is also a notary public, and is accessible at telephone 414.

H. Rotert & Sons, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries.—In referring to the reliable grocery establishments on this side of the State line, we wish to call attention to that of H. Rotert & Sons, at the corner of Fifth Street and Washington Avenue. The premises occupied are a large two-story building, 50x100 feet, with basement. Their stock consists of a fine line of staple and fancy groceries, queensware, hardware, flour, feed, and everything kept in a first-class grocery and provision store. Mr. H. Rotert, who has retired from the active management of



the business and entrusted it to his sons, located here in 1870, and gradually increased his business with the development of the community. Two wagons are kept on the go, supplying customers. The sons, P. H., W. F., and A. J. Rotert, devote their entire attention to the business, are noted for fair dealing, and hold the confidence of all.

Holzmark Bros., M'grs., Dealers in Furniture, Carpets, Window Shades, Etc., 538 Minnesota Avenue.—The leading furniture establishment of the city is that of which Holzmark Bros. are the managers. They have been now running three years, and for the last year and a half at 538 Minnesota Avenue. Their store has a frontage of twenty-five feet, large plate glass windows, and runs back one hundred feet. The stock contains beautiful bed-room sets, wardrobes, bedsteads, rockers, basket chairs, dining-room tables and sideboards, plush and leather sofas, ottomans, bent



wood chairs, office desks, etc.; also imported and domestic carpets, window shades, mattresses, etc. They do upholstery work, employing competent help. Messrs. Albert and Max Holzmark are among Kansas City's best known young men. They aim to sell the best goods at little money, and have built up a trade very flattering to their ability.

The Junction Pharmacy, Fifth and Virginia Avenue.—While the Junction Pharmacy falls behind a number of its more extensive competitors in size, in every other respect, in the purity of the articles it offers for sale, the completeness of its appointments, and the efficiency of its management, it is second to none. It always keeps in stock a complete supply of drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, druggists' sundries, patent medicines, etc. A pharmacist of many years' experience has charge of the prescription department. The building is a fine, new corner, with large French plate glass windows. Mr. H. M. Herrold, the senior partner, is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Kansas about eight years. He is a graduated pharmacist, painstaking and trustworthy. On first coming West he settled at Leavenworth, but five years ago he moved here, and established the present business. No

better evidence of the success of his methods can be presented than the large and steadily increasing trade which he has built up. Mr. G. A. Gamble, junior member of the firm, is a native of Illinois, reared in Leavenworth, in the employ of the U. P. R. R. Mr. Gamble is popular with the railroad men, and secures considerable trade from his associates, making the "Junction" the popular pharmacy of this section of the city.

Schultheiss & Rathbun, Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Works, Galvanized Iron Cornice, Slate, Tin and Iron Roofing, 1512 North Fifth Street.—In a review of the various commercial enterprises of a city it is seen that some business men have great advantages over others in a similar occupation. In the roofing, guttering and furnace contract business the firm of Schultheiss & Rathbun have attained a merited reputation. This firm was established in February, 1889, as Schultheiss Bros., on a small scale; today they occupy a room, 20x70 feet, at 1512 North Fifth Street, divided into store on first floor and shop in basement. In the shop seven hands are employed. An assortment of stoves and general hardware is carried. This firm is sole agent for the Culver tubular furnace (hot air.) G. A. Schultheiss was born and reared in Kansas City, Kas., and here learned the tinners' trade; he has had thirteen years' experience in the business. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. E. B. Rathbun is a native of Connecticut; came to Kansas in 1870, locating at Manhattan, learning his trade the two following years with P. W. Zeigler; came to Kansas City in the fall of 1873, engaging with C. W. Fairman as foreman of shop from 1877 to 1890, when he entered into the present partnership; he has thus had a continuous experience of eighteen years in the business; resident of Kansas City, Kas., for twelve years.

Churchill & Carey, Coal Dealers, 545 Minnesota Avenue.—This business dates back five years, when the senior partner started alone, being joined by Mr. Carey in 1887. Their yard is 32x130 feet. They run seven wagons. They carry a large stock and can supply at a moment's notice, Lexington lump, black diamond lump and



nut, farmers', Rich Hill, by the bushel or carload; also, stove cordwood in any quantity. They own the Haggood Coal Mine in Missouri, whose output is two cars a day. Messrs. C. & C. are very responsible men, and excellent gen-

plemen. E. R. Churchill is one of our Western pioneers; he came to Platte County, Mo., in '41, removed to Leavenworth in '55, and came to our city in '70. He has held quite a number of offices: probate judge, seven years, justice of peace, town trustee, United States Commissioner, etc.; also a Chapter and Council Mason. E. H. Carey is a native of Indiana; came to Leavenworth in '64, where he was seven years connected with the Penitentiary; he left Leavenworth to come here in '87.

The "L" Pharmacy, 1612 North Fifth Street.—The "L" Pharmacy is another flourishing North Side concern. Mr. Chas. J. Gebauer, its proprietor, is a progressive young man, at home in everything pertaining to drugs. Born and reared in St. Louis, he was seven years with Meyer Bros., of Kansas City, and about eighteen months ago opened this store. It is most attractive, with an elegant stock of goods, besides the staple lines of drugs and chemicals, an assortment of toilet necessities, fancy articles, perfumery, holiday goods; also domestic and Key West cigars, smoking and chewing tobaccos, etc. Mr. Gebauer attends to calls promptly in compounding at any hour, day or night. Gus E. Tuerk, a registered pharmacist and very competent prescription clerk, renders valuable service to the proprietor in building up a growing and prosperous trade.

Nelmer N. Webster & Co., Confections, 536 Minnesota Avenue.—The confectionery establishment of Nelmer N. Webster & Co. is one of the rising institutions of our city. Mr. Webster started in this line in the fall of 1888, and made three moves, always into better premises, till he came into this location in December. Here he occupies a spacious store, 28x60 feet. In his windows are exhibited a mouth-watering array of candies and confections. The principal part of the stock is fresh goods which are being sent up from his factory in the basement, where he keeps steadily at work a competent corps of men. This is the feature of his store: *fresh goods*. He manufactures all the candies he sells, including, the finest caramals; also purest quality of ice cream supplied, in large and small quantities. To suit the urgent request of his customers he began, on the first day of March, the manufacture of real home-made bread, fancy cakes, pies, etc. Finest line of fruits and nuts always on hand. He has also added an elegant soda font, from which are dispensed the finest quality of all kinds of soda waters which can be made. Mr. Webster is a native of Ohio, was six years in New York City, from where he came to Kansas in July, 1888.

E. J. Camp's Steam Laundry.—In this age of improvement, nothing that will aid in facilitating the task of cleansing our linen has been neglected. The steam laundry is a most complete arrangement; all you now have to do is tie up your bundle, call up, by telephone, the Kansas City, Kansas, Steam Laundry, and Mr. Camp will send one of his wagons after it, and in a day or so will return your garments, polished to a marvelous whiteness. Ah Sin's method of— "No checkee, no washee; Melican man heap cheatee allee samee," is done away

with. Mr. Camp was born in Washington, D. C., but has been a resident of Kansas City, Kas., ten years. He took this laundry last fall, and now employs thirteen hands, using a fourteen-horse power engine to run his machinery, which is all of the latest-improved patterns. Two wagons are needed in attending the wants of his many customers, who are rapidly increasing. Mr. Camp is a hustler, and spares no pains to please the people.

The Kansas City "Gazette."—The first number of this paper appeared in 1859, and it has continued uninterruptedly to be issued once a week ever since. Two years ago it



started the daily, which has already reached a local circulation of 2,000, and having recently become a member of the Press News Association it receives the news of the country as soon as any other daily. It is a neatly printed four-page sheet. The weekly has a 1,200 circulation, and is eight pages. In October last the *Gazette* went into its new building, a substantial structure, 25x80 feet, located in the geographical and business center of the town, on Sixth Street. It has the best presses, new type and all modern conveniences. The company also does all kinds of book and job printing. Geo. W. Martin, who took the paper July, 1888, is intimately known throughout this State. A native of Pennsylvania, he came to Kansas in March, 1857, settling in Douglas County. Later, at Junction City, he started the *Union*. He was State Printer eight years till 1881, and was the founder of what is now known as "Printers' Row," in Topeka, on Eighth Street and the Avenue. He was Register of the Land Office in '65 and '66; was the first removal by Andrew Johnson, and first reinstated by Grant in '69; in '67 he was Internal Revenue Assessor. He is past grand master of the State of the I. O. O. F., and delegate to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Mr. Martin is personally genial and social, takes a stand on all important questions, and is for Kansas and Kansas City first, last and all the time.

Colin Cable, Druggist, Fifth Street and Washington Avenue.—Among the establishments which enjoy a solid reputation for th

genuine quality of goods handled, and the square dealing principles of those who manage it, that of Colin Cable deserves mention in these pages. Mr. Cable is a young gentleman, who has always been successful in all that he has undertaken. He keeps a fine stock of drugs, paints, oils, chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, etc., and considering the quality of his goods, his prices are as reasonable as any to be found at the most pretentious establishments. Mr. Cable is a native of Wyandotte County. This business was established eight years ago, and was moved into present quarters about two years ago. Mr. C. assumed the management in August, 1889, and has since extended his patronage and gained new customers in all parts of the city. Mr. Cable employs one clerk, and occupies a new corner building, 25x70 feet, with all of the modern conveniences. Mr. Cable, besides his experience as a druggist, has taken a course of study at the St. Louis College, and also a season of lectures at the Kansas City Medical College.

Mrs. Schmelzer's Drug Store.—One of the popular establishments in this city is the drug store at 433 Minnesota Avenue, conducted by Mrs. E. J. Schmelzer. Mrs. Schmelzer has an experience in this line extending over twenty-two years, her husband having been a druggist, a native of Ohio. She has resided twelve years in Kansas City. In July, 1885, she started this store herself, unaided by any one, and her success reflects eminent credit on her management. She carries a full line of drugs, chemicals, toilet necessities, fancy articles, cigars, etc. Her son, who is a graduate of the Chicago School of Pharmacy, attends to the prescription department. She is also training her daughter to be a druggist. Mrs. Schmelzer is a hard-working, plucky woman, and well deserves her success.

T. K. Foster, 526 and 528 Minnesota Avenue.—The name of T. K. Foster requires no accompanying sign to tell of its connection with the dry goods trade of Kansas. Thirty of the best years of his life have been spent in this State, and in this line, and the State and T. K. Foster have advanced hand in hand. Born in Kentucky, he came to Kansas in 1861, doing business at Leavenworth, where he made the acquaintance of the immense tide of immigration which passed through that city to the West. He came to Kansas City, Kas., seven years ago, and now occupies a handsome store, 50x100 feet. One department is devoted to dry goods, another to gents' furnishings and clothing, and the basement is also filled with stock. The popularity of Mr. Foster, and the small margin of profit at which he sells, is seen in the crowds that at all times visit his establishment.

Cox, McNeill & Co., Printers, 413 Minnesota Avenue.—Commenced work 1st December, 1889, and have rapidly built up a fine trade. W. W. Cox has been a practical printer for twenty-five years. He was born in Virginia, learned the trade at Gainesville, Ohio; was later in Cincinnati, Chicago, and Indianapolis. Three years ago he came to Kansas City. F. A. McNeill was born in Washington, D. C., came West in 1889, and is a live and progressive young man. Their plant is new, all type has the latest

faces, and in every way are they prepared to do job work that will satisfy the most exacting.

Ryus Hotel.—This hotel is one of the most locally popular it has ever been the fortune of the writer to stop at. Its regular guests have



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many of them boarded here for years, and traveling men are rapidly finding out that they can here get as good accommodation as in the larger city on the other side of the Kaw. It is right in the heart of business, the cable-cars from the Union Depot passing the door. The Ryus was built in 1882, and since it came into the hands of the present owner, in May a year ago, has been conducted in a proper manner, and now ranks equal to any two-dollar house. It has forty bed-rooms, parlor and sample-rooms. The dining-room can seat one hundred and fifty people comfortably. An excellent cook is one of the main features of the establishment. The bill of fare includes a varied selection of staple dishes and all the delicacies of the season. The help numbers fifteen in all. The house is lighted with electricity; stoves are to be found in every room, no extra charge being made for fires. Geo. E. Bell, the elegant proprietor, whose wife also gives her personal supervision to affairs, is a native of Ohio. He was many years a traveling man, gaining these accomplishments and business knowledge only acquired on the road. In his absence at their other hotel, Delmonico, in Kansas City, Mo., he is represented by his partner, C. F. Waters, who is also from the Buckeye State. A clerk is in attendance in the office all night. The hotel has also a billiard-room and barber's shop.

The Walker Art Company, 542 Minnesota Avenue.—The three brothers, J. B., S. H. and J. F. Walker, are inventors and own the patent for the Walker scroll negatives, the Walker print washer and the Walker print developing process; are authors of "Walker's Theory and Practice of Printing," "Theory and Practice of Operating and Retouching." J. B. Walker went into business here six years ago, and in January, 1889, the Walker Art Company was organized. They have also parlors at Olathe

and Armourdale. J. F. is manager at Olathe. This house makes a specialty of life-sized portraits and general enlarging. Negatives made at any of their parlors are preserved for eight years. They have the finest gallery in Kansas City, Mo., at 805 Main Street, just opened. The Walker Bros. were born in Illinois; have been long in the business, and became masters of their art.

Holloway & Reinhardt, Hardware, Stoves, Etc., 552 Minnesota Avenue.—A substantial firm in the hardware interest is the house



of Holloway & Reinhardt, of Kansas City, Kas., established in 1880 by James M. Holloway, the present senior member of the firm. The rapid increase of the business necessitated removal from the old stand to corner of Minne-

sota Avenue and Sixth Street, the best location in the city, in which they exhibit one of the most complete lines of stoves, tinware and house furnishings to be found West. They represent the wares of the largest stove factories in the

country, among which are the celebrated "Garland" stoves and ranges and the popular "Round Oak," both of which have no superior in the market. The popularity of this house for its fair dealing and courteous treatment of its patrons by members of the firm, and their competent assistants, commend them to the public. With a practical knowledge of the business, with connections with the manufacturers of this country and Europe, enables them to give their patrons goods of the most popular makes and designs at the lowest possible cost. Mr. J. M. Holloway has the experience of years in the hardware business, and for many years represented on the road one of the largest houses West. Mr. A. C. Reinhardt, who associated himself with Mr. H. in 1889, was for a number of years with the celebrated house of Simmons Hardware Company, St. Louis the largest in the United States, and his long experience qualifies him as one of the best posted men in this line, a thorough business man, and an acquisition to our growing city.

C. P. Dana, Boot and Shoe Dealer; Successor to Wm. Recktenwald, 27 Central Avenue.—This is the oldest and best shoe house on the bottoms. Mr. Dana has been a resident of Kansas City for twenty-five years, and is known as a first-class merchant and a perfectly reliable man. No one should patronize an irresponsible dealer, and get poor shoes for big money when Mr. Dana can supply the best make at prices others can only compete with by supplying an inferior article. He carries a fine line of the best quality, and is doing a big business, and constantly increasing.

Geo. F. Page, Attorney at Law; Rooms 24-26, Wyandotte National Bank Building, Northeast Corner Fifth and Minnesota Avenue.—When you want legal advice, collections made, titles examined, law business of any kind transacted, legal papers, contracts, deeds, wills, mechanics' liens, etc., written, see him.

Jacob Minot, The Eastern Tailor, 1816 Sixth Street.—Has had an experience of twenty years in tailoring in New York and Sterling, Illinois, and is the equal of any man that ever raised a tailor's goose. He has been here two years. He occupies a two-story building, 27x80 feet, the lower floor of which is the stock room, while the upper floor is the work room where he keeps from eighteen to twenty-seven workmen busy cutting and sewing for his large trade.

Dr. S. I. Harrison.—A gentleman who has taken a high rank in the medical profession locally, both as physician and surgeon, is Dr. Harrison. The Doctor is a native of Canada, graduated from Rush Medical College in 1875, and has resided three years in Armourdale. He is regular surgeon for Swift's and other packing houses; he is examining physician for the Aetna Life, Massachusetts Mutual and Union Central Insurance Companies. He is also a member of the Freemasons and the Iron Hall.

John B. Prentis, Druggist.—No drug store in this city presents a more inviting appearance than the one which for the past three years has known this gentleman as its proprietor. The



store, 25x80, is replete with a full line of choice drugs, toilet luxuries, perfumeries, domestic and imported cigars and tobaccos. A native of the Old Dominion State, Mr. Prentiss possesses two diplomas as evidence of the thoroughness of his education. Socially, Mr. Prentiss is known as a member of the Elks, K. of P., A. O. U. W. and Foresters.

Citizens Bank.—This bank occupies the most substantial building on the south side. Beginning business 20th July, 1888, on a \$100,-



000, its career has been a marked success. The president is C. E. Moss; vice president, W. S. Beard. The cashier, J. J. Hovey, is well suited to the position, and has had a large acquaintance in banking. They occupy the finest quarters in the city, provided with all modern conveniences, and are rapidly acquiring the business of all the best concerns in this locality.

Dr. T. Fitz-Hugh.—As a physician, the subject of this sketch is much thought of in this place. He graduated from the Virginia Medical College at Richmond, in 1859, and when the war broke out entered the medical service of the army. He was later made a major of cavalry under his cousin, Fitzhugh Lee, a nephew of of Rob. E. Lee, and who has just finished his term as Governor of Virginia. Dr. Fitzhugh practiced in Accomack County, later moved to Indianapolis, where he practiced six years. He went to Texas in '79, and came to Armourdale three years ago. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is surgeon for Alcott's Packing House, examiner for the Union Mutual, of Maine, and is one of this community's substantial men.

T. F. Kerr, Grocer.—With a well fitted store of everything eatable in the way of flours, teas, coffee, sugars and canned goods, it is not at all surprising that here we find a busy place. The size of the store is 25x50, the building being of brick. Mr. Kerr, who by trade is a machinist, was born in Ohio, and started this business three and a half years since. He employs two assistants. Prices at his store are a trifle lower

than at other groceries. Here all are assured of courteous treatment, let the purchases be large or small. Mr. Kerr belongs to the K. of H.

Wm. Hazell, Hotel and Restaurant.—The finest appointed restaurant in the south side, is Hazell's, situated on a prominent corner; its many patrons are a just criterion of its popularity. A native of England, but a resident of the United States since 1856, Mr. Hazell for three years served in the 116th New York Volunteers, in the war between the States, and is a member of the G. A. R. Besides the large restaurant, he uses the four-story store block containing fifteen sleeping-rooms as a hotel adjunct. He employs seven hands; the dining-room could well seat eighty guests, and fills a long felt-want that is well supported by the people.

Bailey & Co., 5, 10 and 25-Cent Goods, 613 Kansas Avenue, Armourdale.—E. E. Bailey is a native of Vermont; started in the 10-cent business in Boston fourteen years ago; he was two years in Honolulu in the same line, and four years ago came to Missouri. In 1888 he opened in Armourdale, and has continued to do a prosperous trade. He is also agent for the Pacific Express. Mr. Bailey owns the property, 25x115; also a lot in the best block on Osage Avenue.

U. S. Grant Hughes, Insurance, Loans and Real Estate.—This gentleman, in January of the present year, opened an office that is making rapid strides in developing up a large patronage. He represent six large fire companies: U. B. & M., Fireman's Fund, St. Paul, Peoples, Springfield, California. Born and raised in Brown County, Kansas, he is bound to succeed. He is also engaged in buying and selling improved and unimproved property in Kansas City, Kas.; sells lots and builds houses on monthly payments; collects rents; loans in small and large amounts at current rates; also has generally on his books bargains in vacant property.

McLean & McAnany, Grocers, Kansas Avenue.—One of the substantial firms of Kansas City, Kas., is McLean & McAnany, the grocers. The business was started in the fall of 1883 as



Mansfield & Co.; the present partners, M. G. McLean and Pat McAnany, being the company. In 1885 Mr. McAnany purchased Mr. Mansfield's interest, since which time the present firm name

and style has been maintained. They first did business in a small frame on the north side of the Avenue. A year later they moved into a 25x60-foot brick on the south side, where they remained till February, 1889, when they finished the handsome stone block they now occupy, one of the principal buildings of the city. It is three stories, 50x80 feet; the corner, 25x80 feet, is occupied by the firm, the other department being occupied by a hotel and restaurant. The top floor is used as a hall, seating 600 people. Messrs. McL. and McA. have always been active and liberal in advancing the welfare of the community. The former, who gives his whole time to the store, is a native of New York, and came West in 1865, and was reared in Lawrence. He came to Kansas City, Mo., in 1880, and engaged in the grocery business there until he entered the present firm in 1883. He has served as councilman from the Sixth Ward; he is also one of the directors of the Citizens' Bank, and vice president of the Armourdale Safe Investment Company. Mr. McAnany, who resides on his farm in the country, came to Kansas from Illinois before the war, in which he served in the cause of the Union. He was honored three times by election to the City Council in Kansas City, Mo.

Conkey & Cooper, Dry Goods.—In 1886 this firm opened on James Street, and in 1888 was started the elegant store in the Citizens Bank Block, on Kansas Avenue, Armourdale. Each of the proprietors divides his time between the two places. J. G. Conkey was born in Ontario and J. F. Cooper in New Brunswick. They have always been in this line. Both stores are about the same size; are filled with all those things that delight ladies' eyes. Few in their line enjoy as good a reputation as these gentlemen, who always live by their word.

Daniels Bros., Undertaking and Livery.—Conspicuously located at the corner of Packard and Kansas Avenues, is one of the leading establishments of the State,

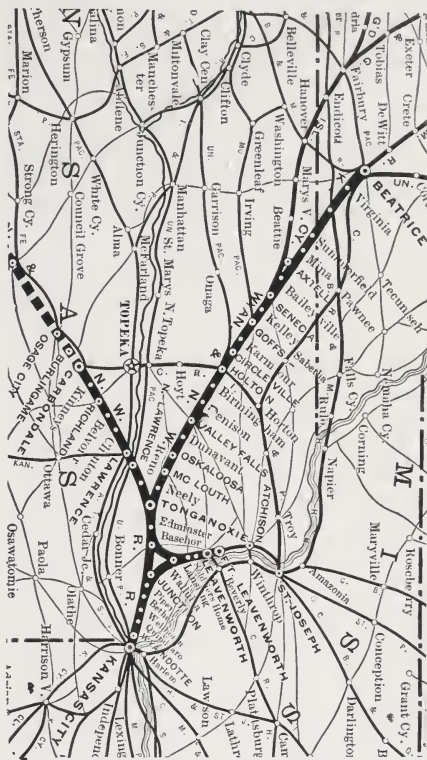


that of the enterprising Daniels Brothers. Natives of Kansas, they are known throughout the entire eastern section of the State. They build the spacious barn they occupy, commencing business on the 2nd April, 1886. They are practical and professional undertakers and embalmers, carrying a full line of cloth and metallic caskets and coffins, all sizes; also robes, lining, slippers, gloves, etc. They have a black and a white hearse, and five men, so that prompt attention can be given to fitting out a funeral. In livery they have twenty head of horses, with carriages and buggies, and can furnish nicest turnout in the city. The Brothers, W. H. and C. R., are also active social factors, the senior being a prominent member of the A. O. U. W.

J. S. Paradis, Meat Market, Kansas Avenue.—This gentleman, during the two years he has been conducting this market, has shown the people he knows how to keep a place well stocked and inviting. Mr. P. is a native of Mon-

treau, and been in the States seven years. He employs two assistants, supplies the best people, and is to be congratulated on his success.

The Northwest Route.—The Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern Railway Company is one of those progressive young concerns



which are the making of the West. Like all young railroads it has encountered obstacles, but its enterprising directorate has overcome them one by one. Without assuming to rival the large systems which spread all over the continent, the Northwestern has, by judicious acquisition and extension, reached to important terminal points in this section. The company received its charter in November, 1885; during 1886 it built thirty miles to Tonganoxie. In March, 1887, it consolidated with the Leavenworth & Olathe; in January, 1888, it reached Seneca; in June, 1889, it reached the State line; on the 9th of December last it ran its first train through to Beatrice, the best town to-day in the State of Nebraska. The intention is to extend on till it reaches Bismarck, Dak. In July, last year, it obtained a perpetual lease of the line to Carbondale and to Leavenworth, and from the latter place is doing a heavy business. Its main line from Kansas City to Beatrice taking in some of the best towns in Kansas, Seneca, Holton, etc., is 174 miles; total, with branches, 237 miles; all solid steel track. The present equipment is twenty-three locomotives, two hundred and fifty box-cars, fifty stock cars, two hundred and fifteen coal cars, thirty-four passenger chair-cars and coaches, to which will be shortly added \$250,000 worth of

new rolling stock now under construction. They run eight passenger trains in and out of Kansas City every day, four to Beatrice and four to Leavenworth, and an accommodation to Lawrence and Carbondale. Mr. Bethel, the president of the road, is the Memphis banker, who has large interests in Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. K. B. Armour, first vice president, is of the Armour Packing Company, of Kansas City. Mr. Erb, second vice-president and general manager, is a man of Napoleonic energy; he is a native of Arkansas, and over ten years connected with railroads. Mr. Summerfield, the superintendent, is an old railroad man, and was receiver for some of the Kansas roads before they were absorbed by the larger systems. C. W. Cook, general passenger and freight agent, commenced railroading twenty-one years ago, in his native State, Ohio, with

the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago. He is a graduate of Madison College; was six years with the Santa Fé and five years with the Wabash before he came with the Northwestern. His assistant, George E. Hoffmaster, a native of Illinois, was three years with the Santa Fé before he came here in April last. The management is from top to bottom enthused with the importance of their road to the advancement of this country, and imbued with a fine spirit of intelligent progressiveness and good will towards the public and the people of Kansas. This line is the shortest between Kansas City, Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, Lawrence, Carbondale, Seneca, Valley Falls, Holton, Beatrice, and many other Kansas and Nebraska towns. It issues tickets from any point on its line to all parts of the United States or Europe.

ARGENTINE.

SINCE Argentine has become a city of the second class, she has suddenly jumped into prosperity and has put on metropolitan airs. She now has the finest water works system possible, while its electric lights shed a radiance that cannot be improved upon. The police force has been organized, placing men to guard the city day and night, which causes the best of order to prevail. Next are the electric street cars running through the leading streets in the city, making their terminus for the present at Metropolitan Avenue and Third Street. The Santa Fé road is building a fine new depot and is now running trains every hour at a five-cent fare to Kansas City, Mo. The Metropolitan Street Railway are running their electric cars on perfect schedule time, starting at 5:30 A. M. and terminating at 11:30 P. M. This affords ample opportunity for all to live here and attend business or pleasure in Kansas City, Mo., for a five-cent fare, making the run in about thirty minutes. It is causing hundreds to flock here, and tenement houses are not to be had. The beautiful locality, fine scenery and easy way of access to and from all points causes it to be desirable for homes for all. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé have also put on a suburban service, running eighteen trains daily between West Argentine and Kansas City, Mo. The same company is also putting up a new depot for the accommodation of its many passengers.

The improvements in the past year have been extensive, amounting to nearly a million dollars. The smelter company alone has expended two hundred thousand dollars in additions, etc., and the past year exported eighteen million dollars in silver bricks, giving employment to nearly five hundred men. Among the most notable improvements are three fine residences, opera house, bank, two large brick blocks, a stone block, a frame block, several frame buildings, iron foundry, water works, electric light plant.

Argentine in 1888 had 3,264 inhabitants; in the spring of 1889, 4,235, and at present time over 6,000. The school attendance during the year is excellent, as shown as follows: The following is the enrollment of scholars at the old

school: Total, 415; daily attendance, 325; average, 78 per cent. West End Addition enrollment, 229; daily attendance, 175; average per cent, 76; North Argentine enrollment, 202; daily attendance, 137; average per cent, 75, total enrollment, 846; average daily attendance, 635. Total school children, male, 409; female, 437. Tardy, females, 241; males, 215. Total; 456. Number of days in attendance, 12,311.

The following is a list of what Argentine has: The largest smelter in the world, the foundation and mainstay of the town; 5 hotels, florist, 5 dairies, no dentist, no vagrants, 4 tanners, 6 churches, 1 plumber, 4 lawyers, 2 bakeries, city park, bank, 6 restaurants, book store, 3 laundries, planing mill, notion store, 3 shoe shops, lumber yard, 2 liverys, harness shop, cigar factory, 3 drug stores, fire company, 2 wagon shops, 10 meat markets, 9 barber shops, 12 doctors, 4 billiard halls, 2 jewelry stores, telegraph and post office, carriage factory, 3 clothing stores, 25 masons, 3 millinery, 3 hardware, 4 blacksmiths, 12 secret societies, 12 school teachers, 3 insurance agents, a band stand in the city park, 12 city wells that cannot be pumped dry, the only exclusive radiator works in the United States. In short a more prosperous town is not to be seen anywhere, and all who come this way ought to pay it a visit. The following are her enterprising business and professional men.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ARGENTINE.

Peter Bell, Attorney at Law and Real Estate Broker.—The growing importance and increasing wealth of Argentine are attracting here some of the best talent of our State, and as one of the most valuable acquisitions, Judge Bell's coming here must be given prominent notice. The Judge has been for twenty years before the people of Kansas, and is known for his easy manner and sterling worth. A native of Ohio, he was admitted to the bar at Toledo in 1861; he

served all through the war (in many battles) with the 67th Ohio; at the hand to hand capture of Fort Wayne, he took prisoner in person the colonel of the 4th Georgia Inf. He came to Kansas shortly after the war, and by reason of his having resided in different parts of the State, is one of the most popular men among us. He started and edited the Woodson County *Advocate*; he was elected Judge of the Seventh District in 1875; he was County Attorney of Allen; he was eight years in Lawrence, from where he came to Argentine last fall. Still busy with a large law practice, the Judge is extensively engaged in real estate, and has brought about many heavy deals in land in all parts of the United States, Mexico and Canada. He controls 16,000,000 acres of land in Mexico, in which he guarantees to purchasers sure titles direct from the Government; he has large bodies of land suitable for farming or cattle-raising in all parts of Texas. He is agent for the American Building, Loan and Investment Society of Chicago, the leading institution of this kind in the United States. Judge Bell is the personal friend of the United States Senators and leading men of the State. His honorable methods and substantiality are far above par, and he justly commands the confidence of a large clientage, both in law and real estate.

C. A. Foulks, M. D., Ph. M.—One of the rising young physicians of the State is embodied in the person of Dr. C. A. Foulks, of Argentine. He was born in Vincennes, Ind., in 1858; took his degree of Ph. M. in the Northwestern University in 1880, and that of M. D. in the Chicago Medical College in 1885. He filled the position of resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, for two years from the time of his graduation. He was appointed surgeon for the Santa Fé Railroad, stationed at Topeka, Kas., in 1888, and was assigned the same post at Argentine in 1889. The Doctor is a Mason and a member of the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society, and the Indiana State Medical Society. He is a gentleman of experience and learning, and from his present success in life it is safe to predict for him a bright future.

Fred J. Reichert, Hardware.—Fred J. Reichert is the representative hardware merchant of Argentine. Born in Wisconsin, he followed for many years the trade of contractor and builder, and the best buildings in Argentine are products of his handiwork. He owns considerable property in this place. After three years' residence here he concluded to embark in the hardware business. He employs one tinner and one clerk, and his business has increased to such magnitude that he has erected a handsome two-story building, 24x60 feet, which he now occupies. He is financially solid, and an enterprising citizen.

"Argentine Republic," Joseph T. Landrey & Son, Proprietors.—Up to 1887 four newspapers suspended in Argentine, caused by inability of management, for the success of the *Republic* proves that the town can support a good, healthy sheet. The *Republic* and its editor, when they started hand in hand, came to stay.

The paper is a neat, seven-column folio, with a circulation of 1,000 copies. The appointments of the office are new and complete, with job press, news press, paper cutter, editorial room, etc. Editor Landrey knows how to get up a spicy and reliable paper. He served in the war in the 9th Indiana and 13th Ohio, being at Petersburg and other engagements. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is built of the material that wears. He is well assisted in the job department by his son, Grant L. Landrey, who was many years with the West Publishing Company, of St. Paul, Minn., who is without his superior as an expert printer.

Wm. McGeorge, Pharmacist.—The above gentleman is one of the representative men of Argentine, active in promoting the interests of his adopted city which honored him, in 1889, by electing him mayor when it was made a city of the second class. He came to Argentine from Rosedale five years ago, where he served four years as member of the city council. Mr. McGeorge is a native of Scotland, and emigrated to this country in 1871. He is a registered pharmacist in Kansas and Great Britain, and has followed the drug business for over twenty years. He is a member of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., of the State of Kansas. In addition to his own services two clerks are required to wait upon his many customers. He carries about a \$3,000 stock of drugs, as well as stationery and news periodicals. An upright, honorable life has made him deservedly popular, as the many positions of trust he has filled show.

B. F. Marshall, Jeweler.—The wonderful progress of modern times in the productive power of machinery is fittingly exemplified in the manufacture of watches. It is characteristic of all machinery, however, that it will wear out or become disordered. Mr. Marshall does for watches what the physician does for the human body—he corrects disorders. He served an extensive apprenticeship, and has conducted business for a period of five years for himself. He established himself in Argentine in 1888, since which time he has built up a good substantial business, and is recognized as a thorough and competent workman. He keeps a neat stock of jewelry, musical instruments and sewing machines. He is a member, in good standing, of the A. O. U. W.

E. Murphy, Attorney at Law.—Law is one of the most learned professions. It requires ability of a high order, together with sufficient learning to render talent of utility in the clear, logical arraignment of causes of action, and the many pleas necessary to the successful conduct of a case from its inception to the verdict or decree. Mr. Murphy is a native of Ohio, who took Greeley's advice, and came West in 1878. Since that time he has been a resident of Kansas, following its marvelous growth and progress to the present time. In 1889 he graduated from the law department of the State University of Kansas, and at once located at Argentine to practice his chosen profession. Mr. Murphy holds membership with the Odd Fellows, has the interests of his clientage at heart, and the care he exercises, together with his ability and

ambition, make him a formidable member of his profession.

Tyler, Simmons & Adamson, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance.—Mr. G. H. Simmons of the above firm, is one of the pioneers of Argentine. He came from Illinois in 1882, when there were but sixteen houses in the town. He built the first store building, and laid the first sidewalk in the town. He was post master of Argentine two years under President Arthur's Administration, and four years, under President Cleveland. He has been interested at different times here in the dry goods, livery and feed business. He has always believed in the future of Argentine. He is at present interested in Simmons's and McGeehan's Addition to Argentine, and, R. H. Tyler is a native of Massachusetts and has lived in Kansas twenty-three years. He is thoroughly conversant with the real estate business, and makes a valuable office man. He holds membership with the A. O. U. W. He resided many years in Lincoln County and has many friends throughout the State. With ample capital and first-class connections this firm is doing a heavy business.

J. E. R. Ewing, Attorney at Law.—The present complications, resulting from the enormous accumulation of legal knowledge and systems of procedure, has necessitated a simplification to insure the better administration of justice, and reduce legal technicalities to the minimum. This is being accomplished in many of the States by the adoption of what is known as the code practice. J. E. R. Ewing, like many of the representative men of this age, began his active career as a school teacher, one of the best preparatory schools to law. There, if the deductive method is employed, he begins the examination of witnesses, becoming proficient in one

of the greatest qualifications of the able lawyer. Mr. Ewing was admitted to the bar in 1883. He served as deputy prosecuting attorney of Clay County, Ind., came to Argentine in 1889, and is now city attorney of the place of his adoption. Mr. Ewing is a Mason and an I. O. O. F., full of energy, and takes a prominent place in the ranks of his profession.

John R. Bohm, Fresh and Salt Meats.—The American people are more than average meat eaters. The people of Argentine are no exception to the general rule, and to supply their demands John R. Bohm opened up an extensive meat and game market two years ago, and has continued, with a good, substantial trade, to the present time. Mr. Bohm was born in Berlin, and emigrated to America in 1881, and came direct to Kansas. He has the characteristic thrift of the German people, and is consequently making money. He is a good, live man, a substantial citizen, gives strict attention to business, and to fair dealing.

G. W. Simmons & Son, Livery Stable, Undertakers and Embalmers.—G. W. Simmons & Son are full of business enterprise, and are determined to keep busy at any odds. G. W. is an old citizen, who started with the town, and followed its growth to the present time. He was a member of the first council of Argentine. Simmons & Howard was the style of the first firm, which changed in March, 1889, by the retirement of Mr. Howard, when Mr. Simmons took his son in as partner. Five years ago they added to their livery business that of undertaking and embalming. They use four hands, fifteen horses, nine buggies, two carriages, one hack and one hearse. Mr. Simmons is a member of the city council, the K. of P. and the A. O. U. W.

ATCHISON.

ATCHISON is situated on the left bank of the Missouri River, at the Great Bend of the stream. It is the nearest point on the river to the Rocky Mountains, and for that reason it was selected as a point of vantage in competing with the older trading posts on the river for the overland traffic between the two oceans. The first settlement of the town was made in July, 1854; the post office was opened for the first time April 10, 1855, and the town was incorporated in 1855. It soon became an important trading point, and proved the sagacity of the founders by develop-

city now, with a population, including its suburbs, of over twenty thousand, is well supplied with churches and schools. Nearly all the Protestant denominations are represented; the Catholics have several flourishing congregations. There has been established here over thirty years probably what is now the finest male boarding college in the West, that of the Benedictine Brothers. The Sisters of St. Benedict have also a convent here. The Lutheran Church has recently started a college here to which the city generously donated fifty thousand dollars and



ATCHISON UNION DEPOT.

ing into the most important outfitting station for the great overland trains of that early day. One of the early items of importance to Atchison, and one to which she has owed much of the commercial importance enjoyed, was the location at this point of the depot of Government supplies for shipment across the plains.

In 1860, the first railroad reached Atchison, a road built by Atchison men to connect with the Hannibal & St. Joseph, then terminating at St. Joseph. Ten years later the Hannibal & St. Joseph built a line of its own to Atchison, establishing its western terminus here. In 1864, Atchison next gave her attention to railroad construction, when the Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific was begun, under the Pacific Railroad act of Congress. From that time, railroads have continued to seek connection with Atchison. The city has now thirteen roads in actual operation, and the end is not yet. The

land. It is also endowed by considerable private subscription, so that with good management and a good staff of teachers it ought to become a school worthy of Kansas.

Atchison lies in a sort of an amphitheatre, its business center being in the valley of a creek, locally known as White Clay Creek, and its residences occupy the hills which rise on either side. It is within one hundred miles of the geographical center of the United States, and is nine hundred feet above the sea.

The territory included in the city proper is about two and one-half miles north and south, by two miles east and west. Its surface is irregular, rising from the low, level bottom ground of the creek to the bluffs and hills nearly two hundred feet high. The natural drainage is unsurpassed, and the high elevations furnish beautiful and healthful sites for residences.

The water supply of the city is in first-class

hands, and is ample for all purposes; the supply is taken from the Missouri River. (See descriptive sketch further on.)

The city is lighted by gas and electricity. The Electric Light Company commenced running this year a new incandescent plant; formerly the incandescent lights were run on the arc circuit. Both gas and electricity are furnished quite reasonable.

The streets of the city are well paved. The outside streets are excellently macadamized; the main streets are laid in Texas Osage block and cedar block; vitrified brick pavement has recently become very popular, and is considered a great success. It is made within the city limits, the companies that have embarked in the manufacture sending their brick all over the country.

has had the honor of always having given her a representative in the United States Senate.

There is no city on the Continent that has better railroad communication with the outside world than Atchison. Before the days of railroads she was the eastern terminus of the Overland Stage Line to Salt Lake City and California, and when railroads and telegraphs became a part of man's economy, Atchison was selected as the railroad center for the West. She has steadily maintained her position, and though several Missouri towns have surpassed her in population, none equal her in railroad facilities. It is for this reason she has sustained an immense jobbing and manufacturing trade; in fact she is strictly a wholesale town, and offers inducements in the way of cheap and



RESIDENCE OF MAYOR WAGGENER.

Atchison was called after General Atchison, United States Senator from Missouri, who, when Kansas lands were thrown open to settlers in 1854, crossed over the big river and founded the town; this dedication took place on the Fourth of July. At its incorporation a year later there were over one thousand people here. The population when the war broke out was twenty five hundred. (The county then had a population of seven thousand seven hundred and furnished nine hundred and ninety-two soldiers to Kansas regiments alone.) In 1870 it was over seven thousand, and in 1880 the Government Census gave her fifteen thousand. This year the census will probably show over five thousand more.

The city has many charming and costly homes, and has always been noted for its educated and refined society. It has produced many of the first lawyers in the State.

Since Kansas's inception as a State, Atchison

well-located land for manufacturing, not duplicated in the Missouri Valley.

The Missouri River is here spanned by a steel railroad and highway bridge, by which six lines of railroad reach the city from the east. Seven railroads run west from Atchison, making thirteen coming here in all. The river bridge is a local company, and is admirably managed, no delay ever being caused to the large number of trains that pass and repass here at all hours. Another bridge is spoken of, to be built at the foot of Main Street.

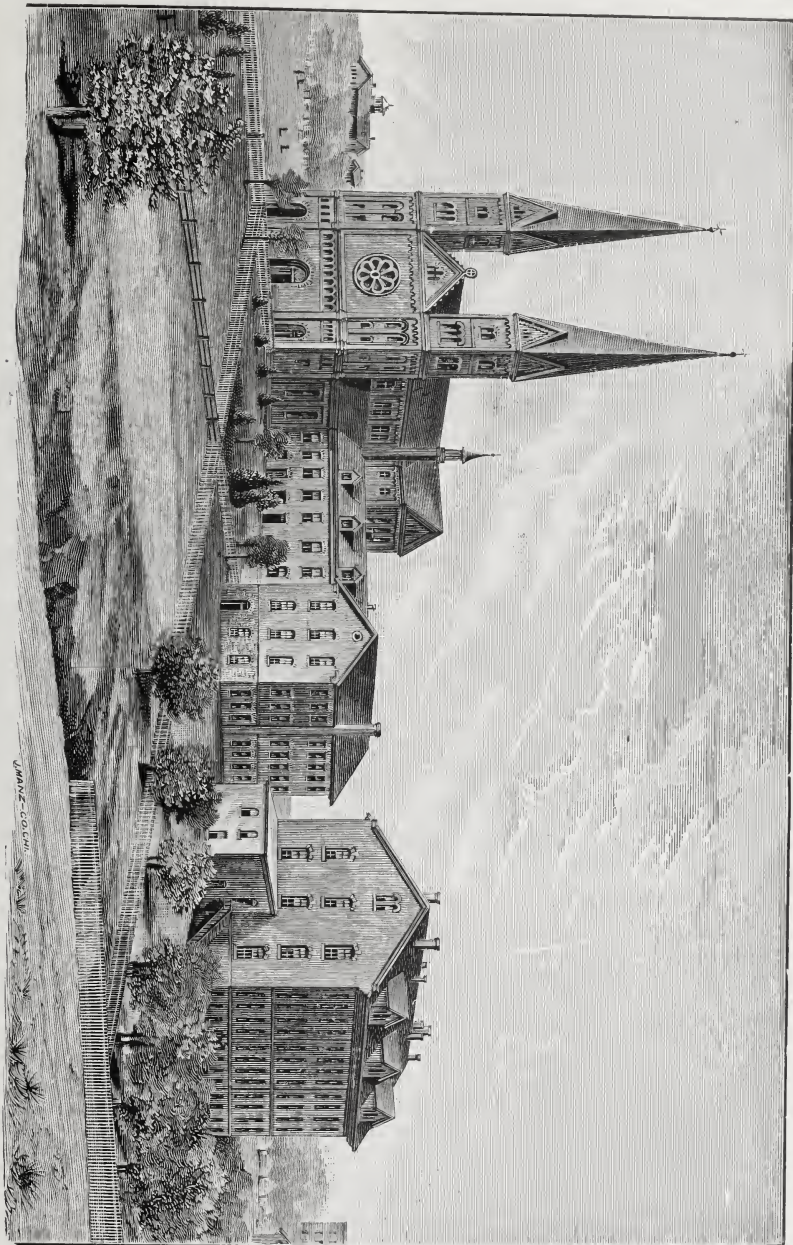
The railroads have recently erected, in place of the one burned down three years ago, one of the handsomest and best appointed passenger depots in the country.

No less than thirteen railroads center here; the great systems, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé, the Missouri Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, make this city an objective point. There are within the limits of the county 103

miles of completed railway. The length of these great systems is not less than five thousand miles in Kansas and Nebraska alone, while they extend over fifteen thousand miles of rail into the

through fourteen counties of Northern Kansas. The Santa Fé reaches fifty-one (all the principal cities and towns) counties in the State. The Burlington & Missouri division of the Chicago,

ST. BENEDICT'S CATHEDRAL, ABBEY AND COLLEGE.



entire country, from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande.

Few people have any clear idea of the vast empire thus made tributary to the merchants and manufacturers of Atchison. The volume of business a firm can do from this point is only limited by their capital and enterprise. The Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific runs

Burlington & Quincy traverses five counties in Kansas and forty in Nebraska. The Nebraska extension of the Missouri Pacific runs through nine of the richest counties of that State. The Rock Island Road has also long had an eye on Atchison. It runs trains here, and may build its own line any time.

Coal is brought to this city from Kansas, Mis-

souri, Colorado and Iowa mines, and delivered at less than Chicago prices. The coal fields of Kansas (Leavenworth County) are but twenty-five miles distant, and the nearest Missouri mines seventy miles away. There has never been a soft coal famine here; the supply is uniform and prices vary little, with a downward tendency. The factories mostly use slack coal in preference to nut or lump. Labor is paid here about same as in other places in the West; if anything it is rather lower and of a better class, expenses of living being very low and work being steady; laborers generally settle down here.

Atchison's wholesale trade is her pride. It is now estimated at sixty million dollars, and steadily increasing. The firms are solid, enterprising and reliable, with all the money at their



JOHN J. INGALLS.

command necessary. The city is the leading wholesale town of Kansas, her chief market being this State and Nebraska. The grocery trade stands first, with two firms at its head doing between them seven million dollars of business, besides other smaller concerns. Lumber sales run up to thirteen million dollars. In grain her elevators handle some ten million dollars worth of cereals. The output of flour from the four roller mills is about fifteen hundred barrels daily, when running full. The wholesale drug house sells over one million dollars worth of goods annually; the other lines of jobbing trade represented are hardware, notions, gents' furnishings, dry goods, tin plate, produce, seeds, plumbers' supplies, coal, sash and blinds.

The banks of the city are models of solidity; during the crash of 1873 they went right along with open doors as usual; they are conducted in an intelligent manner, and give tone to her general mercantile standing. They do an extensive business over the entire West, have many European connections and have large deposits from country banks in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri

and even Colorado. The aggregate banking capital is one million five hundred thousand dollars.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ATCHISON.

Jacob Leu & Sons, Wholesale Tin Plate, Metals and Tanners, Supplies, Pieced, Stamped and Japanned Tinware.—The striking point about Atchison is the independent basis on which her trade is placed. This has been acquired by the individual endeavor of its people and not by outside assistance. Its jobbing houses are its pride, and individually are an admirable example of Western growth and Western supremacy. The great house of Jacob Leu & Sons well sustains the city's name as selling a large quantity of tin plates and metals, and in this respect is the best house in the West. The business dates back to 1862, when it was started by the senior member of the firm; the two sons becoming partners in 1885. They occupy on Commercial Street two spacious two-story buildings, 22½x150, and in the rear they have another warehouse, 40x90, extending to the railroad. These are filled to overflowing with a stock of goods running about \$65,000 in value, and from which they can supply the largest orders at a moment's notice. It contains every kind of article made from tin and tin plate—pans, wash-bowls, kettles, ladles, stamped ware, pieced tin-ware, coffee pots, oil cans, washboilers, tea kettles, pails, lids, tubes, covers, general tanners' supplies, faucets, handles, gauges, spouts, etc., metals and wire, gasoline stove belongings, ovens, etc., Japanned ware, boxes, bath tubs, filters and coolers, cuspidors, cans, iron and granite ware, spoons, bird cages and all wire made goods; wooden ware, refrigerators, freezers, stove brushes, gasoline cans, lamps, lanterns, shovels, fire irons; a full selection of tanners' tools and machines; sheet metal, etc. Being the only house in the West to make a specialty of tin goods, they have acquired a very solid and enviable trade, which has steadily increased with the rapid growth of the surrounding States. Through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri they keep four men traveling, and in the house employ fourteen persons. They import tin plates and other metallic goods. Jacob Leu, the senior of the house, is a Swiss, came to America in 1850, and to Atchison in 1857; he is a tinner by trade and commenced manufacturing in a small way, but perseverance and substantial wares soon told, and he rapidly acquired a fine trade. His sons, L. W. and Leon, were reared in the business, are splendid young business men, and eminently command the local popularity and confidence of the trade, conducting its affairs on an elevated plane of honor and judgment. Kansas has reason to be proud of a house which knows no superior East or West, either in the quality of its goods or in the lowness of its prices.

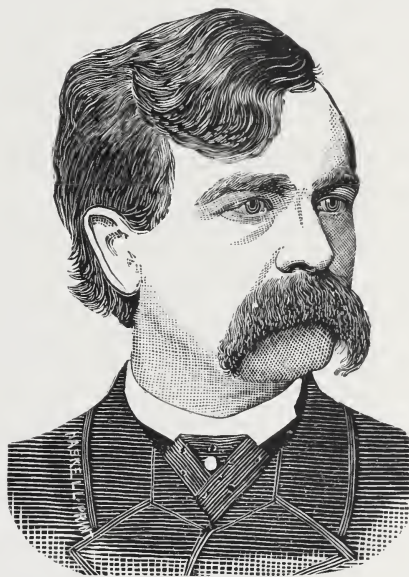
Dime Savings Bank.—Massachusetts has always boasted of her savings banks; and what State can show as many contented and prosperous little homes? The savings bank is

the special friend of the wage-earner, upon whose energies, indeed, rests a country's success. Where there is no savings bank the poor man saves nothing; and when the rainy day comes, as come it does to all, he has nothing to fall back upon. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we note in Atchison a most meritorious example of this class of institution, namely, the Dime Savings Bank, which was organized December 20, 1886, as an adjunct of the Guaranty Investment Company. It was found to fill a long-felt want, and at once entered on a flourishing career. It was incorporated in June, 1888. In March last, to meet the requirements of business, moved into its present location, on the corner of Fourth and Commercial. This has been a bank building for twenty-five years. Besides the usual savings-bank security the bank has a capital of \$50,000, and the large surplus of \$22,000. It has paid to stockholders \$3,000 in dividends. It pays 5 per cent on all deposits of one dollar and upwards remaining with it for one or more calendar months. On time deposits of six months or more it pays 6 per cent per annum. It is a very substantial concern, and is officered by men who are well known. A. H. Horton, a director, is the Chief Justice of the State; W. W. Hetherington, president, has been thirty years banking in Atchison; L. M. Briggs, the cashier, has been twenty-five years in Atchison, and is highly respected for both his business ability and moral standing. He is originally from Michigan. He has been county commissioner, member of the State Senate, and filled other public posts.

Marshall & Park, Doors and Blinds.—The name of Marshall & Park is one of the most esteemed and valued in Atchison, in connection with contracting and wood manufacturing. It is recognized throughout the West as synonymous with the best material and nicest goods. Messrs. Marshall & Park form a splendid working combination. They learned the trade of carpentry in Michigan, from where they came here eleven years ago. They manufacture anything out of any kind of wood; sash, doors and blinds, frames, mouldings, brackets, interior finish and ornamental work of every description; they make a specialty of odd sizes and fancy store fronts. Their work in finish, lightness and exactness of measurement is not equalled in this section, and not surpassed anywhere. They ship material as far as California and Washington Territory. Their premises are extensive and furnished with modern machinery. The main building is a three-story structure, 42x45 feet. It is very unassuming in its aspect, but it turns out in the course of the year a pile of goods large enough to build a city; the engine is fifty-horse; twenty men are employed, several of them old mechanics. Messrs. James W. Marshall and Joseph C. Park enjoy the confidence of their trade in an unlimited degree. Their judgment in selecting lumber and adapting it to the special articles to be made, is considered most sound. They are noted for filling contracts to the letter, and will rather lose on a contract than supply inferior material. Both gentlemen are Freemasons; Mr. Marshall is a native of New York State and reared in Canada; he is a prominent official member of the Metho-

dist Church. Mr. Park was born in Canada; is a deacon in the Baptist Church; he was sheriff in Alpena County, Michigan. They are most reliable men, and any corresponding with them will find it to their advantage.

Waggener, Martin & Orr, Attorneys.—Atchison is known to the civilized world as giving the name to the largest railroad system in operation, and at home she is distinguished for the number of prominent men she has produced. Few cities in the West can compare with her in this respect, and through her sons who have gone out from her as well as by those remaining, she exerts a greater influence in Kansas life than probably any sister community. Among such names, that of the Hon. B. P. Waggener stands out conspicuous. Mr. Waggener



HON. B. P. WAGGENER.

is a native of Missouri, but at an early age crossed over to the Kansas side of the river; he studied law in Atchison, being admitted 10th of June, 1867, and has since been a close student and attended strictly to his law business. Both an orator and a cautious counselor, he has advanced to the front rank of the bar in the West, with a star still in the ascendant; he was partner with Chief Justice Horton from 1869 to 1877; in 1876 he was appointed general attorney for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, having complete charge of their business in Kansas and Nebraska; he has never sought political office, but this last spring was requested by the intelligent part of the community who had become dissatisfied with the way municipal affairs were being managed to become a candidate for the office of mayor, carrying the election after a most exciting and brilliant race; he has since attended to the duties of chief magistrate well, and even his former opponents are satisfied he was the right man. Mr. W. is personally very popular; he is a Knight Templar Mason, Odd Fellow, K. of P., etc. Judge D. Martin is consid-

ered as fine a judge of law as the bar boasts of. He is a native of Ohio, studied law in his native town, and served the cause of liberty in an Ohio regiment. He settled in Atchison after the war in 1866, and soon came to the front; he was city attorney, and sat on the district bench three years, resigning in 1887 to become partner with Mr. Waggener; he is also an active member of the Masons. James W. Orr, the third member of the firm, is a native of Michigan, where he was admitted in 1880, and came to Atchison in 1881; he was county attorney two years, and joined this firm in 1887. The firm do a large railroad and corporation business, necessitating employment of three stenographers and two clerks; their offices are handsomely furnished, with private rooms for each partner, and separate library, which contains, besides the complete reports of

Hetherington Exchange Bank, and in 1882 organized as a national bank, Wm. Hetherington remaining its president up to his death, in January of this year. Mr. Hetherington was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Kansas fairly well off, and died one of the wealthiest men in our State; he was many times councilman and also mayor of Atchison. The new directorate, elected at his death, consists of W. W. Hetherington, president; B. P. Waggener, vice president; C. S. Hetherington, cashier; A. J. Harwi and Frank Howard. The president has no superior as a financier, and is very popular, belonging to all the secret and social societies of the city, a director in the Guaranty Investment and other public institutions. Messrs. Hetherington & Co. long did business in the building corner Fourth and Commercial, which they erected in



RESIDENCE OF W. W. HETHERINGTON.

twenty-eight States, between 6,000 and 7,000 volumes. They are noted for their gentlemanly manner in conducting cases and lend eminent strength to the Kansas bar.

Exchange National Bank.—To the conduct and ability of the managers of her financial institutions does Atchison owe, among so much bankruptcy and depression, her unchanged solidity. Probably the most prominent insurance of it is seen in the career of the Exchange National. The bank dates back to 1859, when Wm. Hetherington, the late president, and his son, W. W., his successor in that office, established themselves under the style, Wm. Hetherington & Co. For just thirty years they conducted their operations with a daring, liberality, cautiousness and exactness which has won the institution a success reflected in the eminent position it has for years filled as one of the leading financial concerns in the West, and whose name is recognized in the East as a synonym of probity and ability. They later took the name

1868 at a cost of \$40,000; it was then the finest structure in the town. In 1886 they erected the handsome building the bank has since occupied the main floor of. It is 45x150, three stories and basement, stone front and side, and is an ornament to the city. It is elegantly furnished with the latest known styles of decoration and conveniences, tiled floors, open fire-places, stone vaults, burglar-proof safes, etc. The capital is \$100,000; deposits, over \$500,000; surplus, \$20,000. A force of eight clerks and bookkeepers are required to attend to the details of its immense business. The bank does everything in the way of handling, exchanging and loaning money, at least expense, and with the least amount of trouble or risk to clients; it issues letters of credit and discounts bills payable in this country or Europe. It has correspondents throughout the world. The Exchange National Bank will continue to retain its proud record, and the name of Hetherington, we hope, may long remain one of the most honored in Kansas.

The Guaranty Investment Co.—It is a most gratifying fact, in the developments attending the turn of our financial affairs towards general prosperity, to notice the general activity among bankers and men of means. Investments are being made in new directions, capitalists are on the lookout to see where they can get the best returns and at the same time have their money placed where it will be safe and secure. Prominent among the many investment companies of the day is the already well known and highly indorsed Guaranty Investment Company, of this city, which is regarded by all as a pillar of financial strength throughout the country. Incorporated in June of 1886, it removed into its present commodious quarters in March of

Western manager. The following is the company's statement at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1889:

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$250,000 00
Savings deposits.....	107,104 02
Due investors.....	8,474 12
Bills payable.....	40,000 00
Surplus.....	15,000 00
Undivided profits.....	5,832 46
Total.....	\$426,410 60
ASSETS.	
Real estate mortgages, 1st lien.....	\$182,395 00
Real estate mortgages, 2d lien.....	34,797 27
Stocks and bonds—cost.....	68,670 45
County scrip and warrants.....	14,482 70
Loans on personal property and collateral...	29,205 20
Interest accrued.....	1,785 05



EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING.

1889. With a capital of \$250,000, and a surplus of \$20,000, this company has a strength and solidity surpassed by few, even if equaled. The office force consists of fourteen clerks, with three solicitors in the field; having in addition throughout the West 270 sub-agents. In 1887 the Guaranty Investment Company consolidated with the Western Land and Improvement Company, making a stronger and larger concern than before. The directory of the Guaranty Investment Company comprise the following prominent gentlemen, who are well known in financial circles throughout the country: Lewis A. Riley, president, a large coal operator in Philadelphia, a graduate of Yale; Gen. Wm. Lilly, second vice president, Mauch Chunk, Pa., coal operator; William A. Marr, Ashland, Pa., attorney; M. N. Olin, Perry, N. Y., banker; A. M. Stewart, editor and proprietor of *Scottish American*; Henry A. Riley, secretary and general Eastern manager, New York; Lewis M. Briggs, Atchison, banker; D. M. Davis, Atchison, treasurer and general

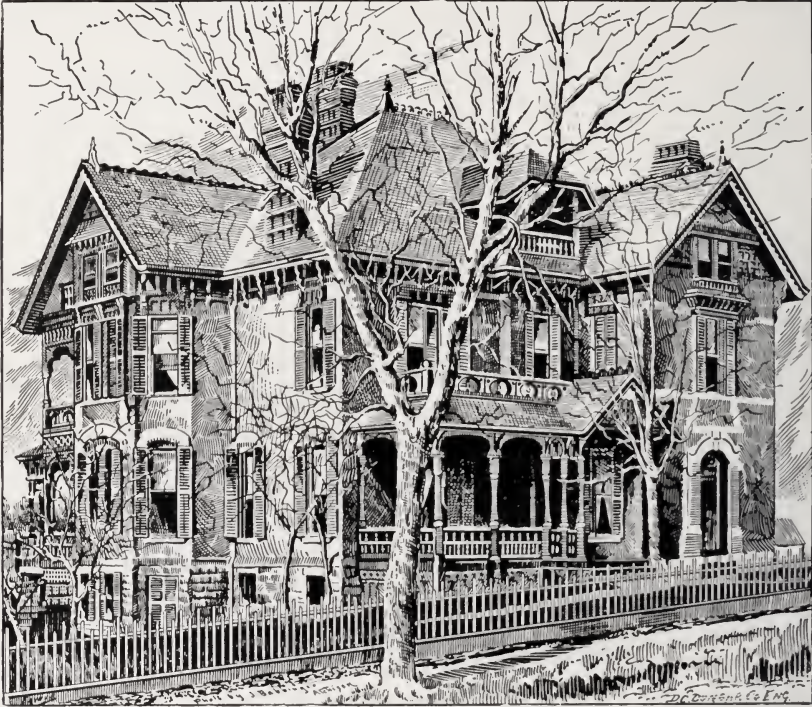
Individual accounts.....	26,710 23
Safety deposit vaults.....	12,410 00
Savings bank premium.....	3,333 50
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, and agency account.....	9,625 27
Treasury stock.....	27,300 00
Cash.....	15,695 93
Total.....	\$426,410 60

The Eastern offices are at 191 Broadway, New York City, and 222 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. The purposes of this company may perhaps best be explained by quoting from the prospectus they issue, in which they say "they will loan only on first mortgage, not to exceed more than 40 per cent of the value of the land alone, independent of any improvements. To make thorough investigation as to the title, which must be perfect. To loan only to good borrowers, who will use the money to improve and enhance the value of the property mortgaged. To make examination of the property, either personally or through some one known to us as thoroughly reliable and responsible. To make no loans ex-

cept on well-selected farms." The foregoing goes to show that this company aims to protect its customers, and at the same time net them on their investment 6 per cent, payable semi-annually, without any expense for collecting. Such investments as are guaranteed by this company are eagerly taken up, and we know of no company that offers better inducements for unemployed capital than the Guaranty Investment Company of Atchison, which is a credit to the city, State and its incorporators.

McPike & Fox, Wholesale Druggists, 416 and 418 Kansas Avenue, 419 Commercial Street, 317 and 319 Main Street.—We have already in

basis they started; it is only by contemplating the immense growth of this Western country, from a wilderness to contain the most cultivated communities in the world, that we can arrive at the solution of the problem of their success. They later occupied what is now the post office, one of the first brick structures in the city, then moved into the store where F. Howard now is, and in 1883 commenced building the extensive premises they now occupy. Their building on Commercial Street is two stories and basement $22\frac{1}{2} \times 150$; the street floor of this is their retail store, arranged, furnished and equipped with the convenience and elegance of a palace, the like of which indeed is not to be found anywhere in



RESIDENCE OF J. C. FOX.

our general sketch of Atchison shown her just claims to be termed one of the great jobbing centers of the United States. Her leading wholesale drug house is the first of its kind in the Missouri Valley, and has for years stood as a model of enterprise, a fine copy for those who would want a lesson in "how to get rich." The business dates back to the spring of the year when the Civil War ended—1865. At that time Mr. McPike came to Kansas from the East and commenced business as McPike & Allen. In 1868 Mr. Fox came into the house, and in 1873 he bought out Mr. Allen, the concern being known ever since under the style name, recognized from Maine to Mexico as the synonym of worth and probity, McPike & Fox. In the sixties they did business in a two-story brick. When we look upon their immense establishment to-day, we can hardly realize on what a small

this country. In the rear of this, extending to Kansas Avenue, is an immense four-story structure, 45×150 ; on the avenue it has large platform space where wagons are always standing to be loaded or being unloaded from the depot freight elevators. Their warehouse on Main Street, connected as the other buildings are, by arches on each floor, is 45×100 . The whole place is kept in the cleanest and most apple-pie order, reminding one by way of comparison of the dairy establishments of Holland. On this account do they enjoy special low rates in insurance. They carry in stock every drug mentioned in the pharmacopœia, import a great deal direct from Europe, India and South America; also deal in glass, paints, oils and family wines; they carry as large a line of surgical instruments as the houses of New York and Philadelphia, whose prices they duplicate. They have, it is thought,

the finest corps of traveling salesmen in the West, who take a real pleasure in prosecuting for the interests of a house which is so unusually respected; their sales extend into New Mexico and California, and they sustain their firm's goods as the standards of excellence for the drug trade between the Mississippi and the Pacific. The personnel of this concern is composed of two of the finest gentlemen one could meet; they are types of such men as have made America what she is and whom one loves to see representing our nation in foreign lands. W. C. McPike is a native of Illinois, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in which city he first learned to be a druggist; also a member of the Masonic order. J. C. Fox is a native of New York, came West in 1860, and is a K. T. Mason. They form a brilliant star in the constellation of Western life; they are a bulwark of Kansas prosperity.

Charles F. Goodrich, Insurance, Etc., U. S. National Bank Building.—There are in all avocations leading and representative men who stand foremost in their pursuit. Out of Atchison we have selected the name of Goodrich as best displaying the standing of the insurance business. Mr. G. started sixteen years ago, with but one company, the German, of Freeport, Ill. The increasing demand for his services compelled him to add new companies, and to day he has the largest in the United States—Rochester, German, People's, State of Des Moines, New Hampshire, Milwaukee, Mechanics, Concordia, Lloyds and the Plate Glass. He believes strictly in American companies as the cheapest and most ready to settle claims. He takes any class of risk to any amount. He also is agent for the Atlantic steamers and can secure accommodation therein at a moment's notice. The North German Lloyd (the best line crossing the ocean) and the Allen and Thingvalia are his special favorites. He has been eight years sole agent in this section for the Lombard Investment Company, and loans money in large or small quantities, at low rates of interest. He is also a licensed notary, and can issue a statement in German, French or English. Mr. G. is a native of Rhine, Prussia, and came to America in 1867; he is grand secretary of the order of Herman Sons for the State of Kansas. He conducts his affairs on the soundest principles, and his agreeable manner makes it very pleasant to visit him in his nicely appointed office.

Atchison Water Company.—Was organized in 1880, with Mr. John R. Lionberger, of St. Louis, Mo., as president, and Mr. John D. Davis, of St. Louis, as secretary. Mr. E. S. Wills has been the efficient superintendent since 1884, giving full satisfaction by his thorough acquaintance with his station. The water supply is obtained from the Missouri River, and from this it is collected into a reservoir, the settling basin having a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons and the storage basin a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons. The pumping capacity will be largely increased in the next two years. There are fourteen miles of piping. Mr. Wills is a native of Pennsylvania, and came West thirty-seven years ago, as engineer of the C. B. & Q., building out of

Quincy during 1852, 1853 and 1854. He has been connected with railroad engineering twenty-seven years, and for seven years he was engineer at Atchison.

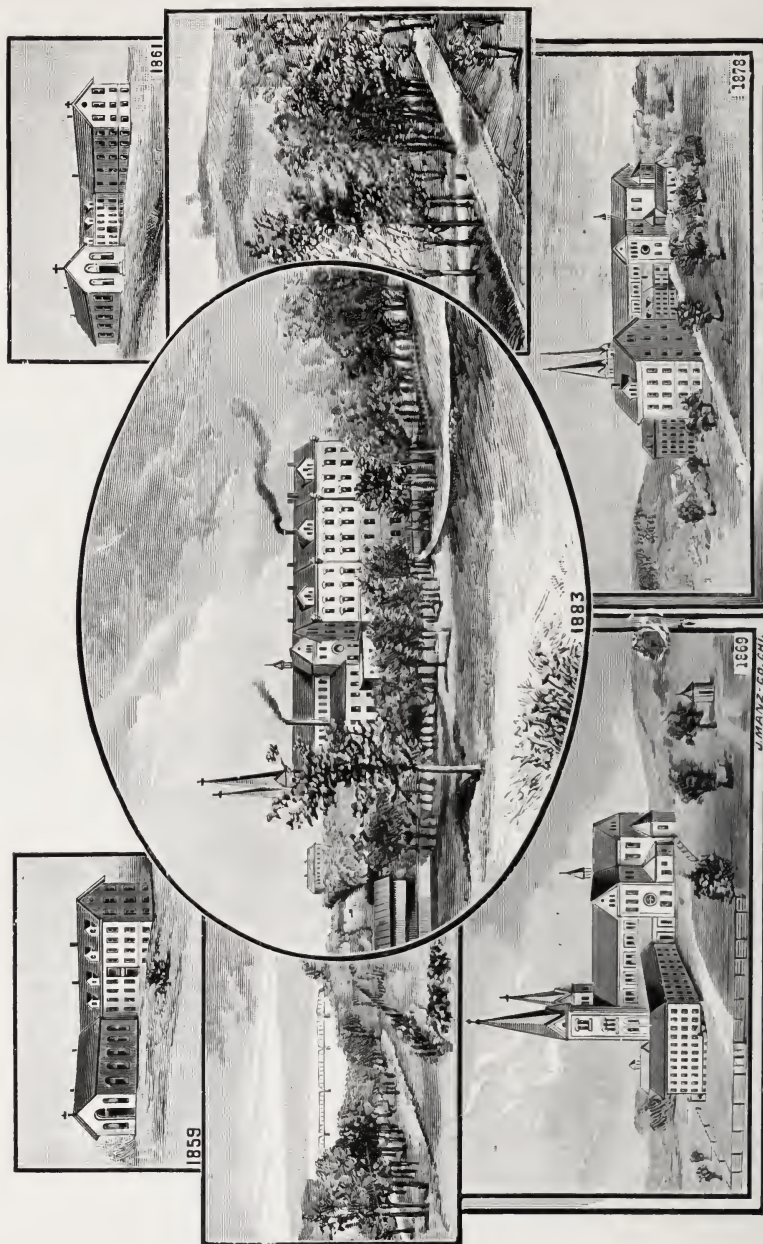
The "Champion" is the oldest journal in Kansas. It was founded upon the *Squatter Sovereign*, a Pro-Slavery sheet, first issued February 3, 1855. In 1857 the *Squatter Sovereign* passed into the hands of Hon. S. C. Pomeroy, ex-United States Senator, and was converted into a Free State paper. In February, 1858, John A. Martin purchased the *Sovereign*, and changed its name to the *Freedom's Champion*. He edited and published it until 1861, when,



entering the army, he leased the *Champion* to John James Ingalls and A. H. Horton. In January, 1865, Colonel Martin having been mustered out of the service, resumed control of the paper and began publishing it as a daily, continuing its publication until October 4, 1889, when he died. The *Champion* is Republican in politics, one of the leading journals of the State, having a large circulation all over Kansas, especially in the City of Atchison and throughout all Northern Kansas, Southern Nebraska and Western Missouri. It publishes a daily and weekly edition. Upon the death of Col. John A. Martin, its founder, the *Champion* came into the control of Dr. W. L. Challiss, the administrator of the Martin estate, under whose general supervision it is now conducted. The business manager of the *Champion* is W. L. Bailey, Mrs. John A. Martin's attorney, of the firm of Bailey & Baldwin, upon whom the exclusive supervision of the business department of the paper devolves, and to whom it is indebted for its continued prosperity and increasing usefulness. The managing editor is Dr. Philip Krohn, who has been connected with the paper about five years. Dr. Krohn is well known throughout Kansas, and has held several important State positions—Regent of the Agricultural College, member State Board of Charities, organizer of the State Temperance Union.

St. Benedict's College.—The subject of collegiate education is the most important the country has ever had to deal with. It has been prosecuted in several ways, but no system can

Benedict has many flourishing schools throughout the country. At Atchison, Kansas, we find what is probably the best male college in the State. This is quite an old institution, and has



ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE.

compare in efficacy and thoroughness with that adopted by the various orders of Catholic fathers. They were the first to introduce the humanizing influence of Christianity into America, and so have they been the most successful in giving good and cheap education to the American people. Among them the order of St.

grown from insignificant proportions to be one of the proudest establishments in the West. It was founded by the Benedictine Fathers in 1858, at Doniphan, which was then a larger place than Atchison, but the following year they completed at Atchison the building seen in the accompanying engraving, in the left hand upper corner.

The engraving also shows the gradual advance of the institution better than writing could explain. The college went on with its educational work, in its usual quiet way, till 1876, when in answer to a petition to Rome, the priory was erected into an abbey. This gave the community a stability and permanence, making it independent of support from the mother house of the order, which had formerly supplied it with teachers. Rt. Rev. Wolf was duly installed as abbot, having the educational charge of the college. This excellent father is one of the most prominent men in the order; a Prussian by birth, he was educated in Pennsylvania, finishing with D. D. from the University of Rome. In 1878 extensive additions to the college were completed, but so rapid did the attendance now increase that more buildings were planned and a contract given out in 1883, which, when completed, doubled the capacity. The main college building has a frontage of 145 feet, 46 feet wide and four stories high. It is admirably arranged for teaching, the class and study rooms, 30 in all, being large and furnished with every convenience in the way of desks, blackboards, etc. A library, 1,750 volumes, to which students have free access; a collection of rare theological and other works, amounting to over 7,000 volumes, and illuminated manuscripts—some of them 400 years old; a museum containing specimens of domestic and foreign birds, reptiles, fish, fossils and minerals, form features of the exhaustive energy shown by the fathers in acquiring everything which could add to enhancing the educational conveniences of their institution. The buildings are heated by steam throughout, the dormitories are spacious and airy, ventilated by air flues; on every floor are three or four fire hose; stone stairs and iron roofs leave very little opportunity for a fire to get headway. The dining-hall is a spacious room, and is like the other public apartments, adorned with several valuable oil paintings. The kitchen is in charge of experienced sisters. The underground drainage is perfect, and an unwholesome atmosphere in any part of the house is unknown. The faculty consists of twenty-two teachers, high up in their special branches, each having given his life's attention to a particular subject. The director, Rev. Gerard Heinz, is possessed of very superior executive ability; he was reared in Chicago, and has been with this college twelve years. The course of study includes what is necessary to a thorough classical and commercial education, also a course for those intending to enter the priesthood; the principal subjects are rhetoric, natural sciences, homiletics, church history, liturgy, German, bookkeeping, mathematics, physics, chemistry, political economy, civil government, piano, vocal music, Hebrew, mental philosophy, literature and penmanship, French, drawing, violin, etc. For admittance to the classical or commercial course, a competent knowledge of English, arithmetic and geography is requisite, and for those deficient in any of these branches a preparatory course has been instituted. The college is conducted on principles of morality and decorum, and the finest example is set the students by the fathers themselves. There are this year 144 pupils enrolled. The boys enjoy every opportunity of making

themselves happy and healthy here; they are given full liberty in the large grounds surrounding the institution, and have also a gymnasium indoors. The grounds command an extensive view of the Missouri Valley, the whole surrounding country, and the institution is truly one of the most useful and beneficial Kansas has within her borders.

W. H. Noll, Dealer in Lumber and Coal.—One of Atchison's most substantial business men is W. H. Noll, whose name is identified with the lumber interests of Kansas. Mr. Noll is a native of Illinois, and thoroughly understands the lumber business, having been successfully engaged in it since 1873. He came west to Missouri in 1872, was several years in Iowa; in August, 1879, came to Kansas. He first opened a yard at Kirwin, and gradually extended his investments, and is now partner in yards at Baker, Everest, Kirwin, Kensington, Netawaka and Willis, in Kansas, and also at Guthrie, I. T. All these yards are doing a prosperous business. Mr. Noll came to Atchison in March, 1886, as manager of Howell Bros.' business, which he still continues. He has his office with them. He is one of those working, energetic men, who are a benefit to any State, and while he has reason to be proud of his good fortune in having acquired quite a competency in Kansas, our State has reason to congratulate herself in having him as one of her sons.

Martin & Newell, Attorneys at Law, 327 Commercial Street.—Messrs. A. F. Martin and W. M. Newell are well known as successful practitioners to all members of the State bar; besides attending to a large general practice, they make a feature of real estate law. Mr. Martin is a native of Pennsylvania, and when a lad ran away from school to go into the army. After the war he attended the university at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated with distinction in 1867, and came to Atchison. He is one of the ablest judges of law and one of the broadest minds that practices at the Kansas bar. As a hard hitter he is unsurpassed, and his appearance in a case attracts a public audience. He is president of the Atchison Brick Company. Mr. Newell came West from Ohio, where he was born, in 1878, and studied under Mr. Martin, proving himself an apt pupil and scholar. He was admitted in 1883, and two years ago became partner.

R. A. Miller, M. D., Homeopathy.—Dr. R. A. Miller is a distinguished physician and a prominent citizen of Atchison. He graduated from the University of Louisville, Ky., also from the Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, and formerly practiced in Louisville and Evansville, locating in Atchison February 7, 1879. He has devoted twenty-five years to the practice of his profession and has enjoyed a great success. For the last few years he has given special attention to gynecology. His lucrative practice is ever increasing. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1870. He was assistant surgeon in the U. S. hospitals for a year during the war.

J. T. Allensworth, Attorney, Rooms 7 and 9, Exchange National Bank Building.—Mr. J. T. Allensworth is a native of Illinois, and has been practicing in this city since he was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has many friends in this county, and assiduously applies himself to the interests of a large and growing clientage. He is attorney for the Guaranty Investment Company, of Atchison, Philadelphia and New York. His nice offices are located in the Exchange National Bank building. He is one of the men of the town, and takes a leading part in her welfare; he is an active member of the city school board.

Byram House.—This hotel maintains a reputation equal to any in the West, and is regarded as the best all-around establishment on the Missouri River. It is one of the oldest in the West, dating back fifteen years, and was for ten years known as the Otis House. In the spring of 1884 the owner, the late Congressman Burns, spent fifty thousand dollars in remodeling the house. At the same time the name



was changed to Byram, and Messrs. R. C. Morrow & Co., who have conducted it successfully ever since, took charge. The office (forming the quadrangle of the hotel) and dining-room are the finest and most comfortable to be seen anywhere. Here we find writing tables, chairs in abundance, wood fires, coat room, and an obliging and well-posted clerk, night and day. From it we can enter the billiard hall and toilet rooms. The whole house is heated by steam, electric light, gas, has elevator, telephone and every known convenience. The dining room is 40x60, and is lighted from two sides. While you here enjoy the choice of a most appetizing menu, you command a beautiful view of the Missouri River, and in this respect it may be said one sits down here to such a meal as he has reason never to forget. The hotel has one hundred rooms—seventy-two sleeping rooms, with best beds and furniture. Messrs. Morrow give close attention to running the hotel, and endeavor to make their guests comfortable and pleased with their stay.

F. G. Nichols, Physician and Surgeon, 728 Commercial Street.—Dr. Nichols was born in Rhode Island, and has resided in the West since his infancy. He graduated from the Kansas City College of Physicians and Surgery, in 1878, and also studied in Bellevue, New York,

in the Hospital and University. He formerly practiced in Nebraska and Southern Kansas, locating in Atchison in 1887. He is a popular and successful physician and surgeon. He is an active member of the Knights of Honor, I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W., and as a citizen he commands the esteem of all.

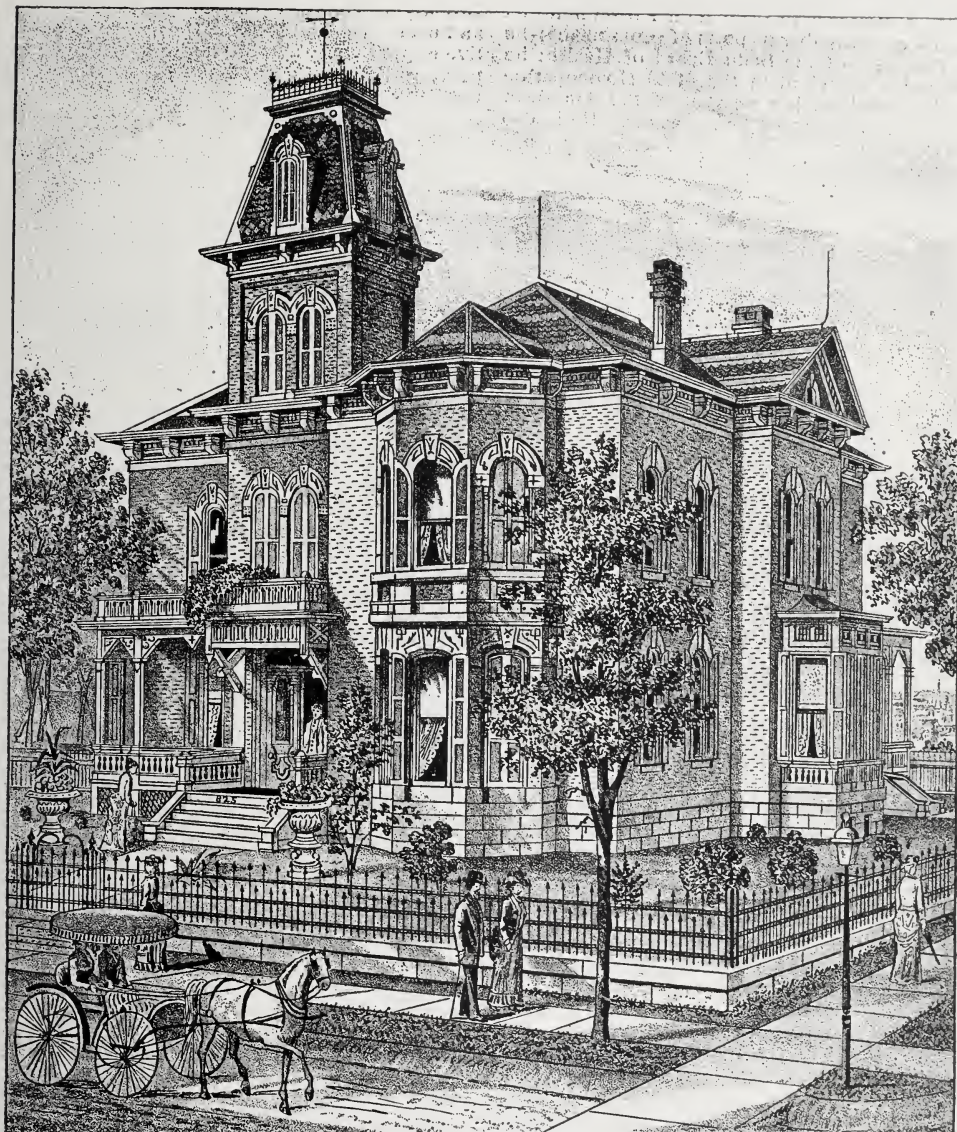
E. S. Earhart, Attorney at Law, 521 Commercial Street.—Lawyers, like numerous other things, are a necessity to any town or city. Rights and wrongs are to be settled by them, and for this reason they must be men of clear brain and forethought, and one who has by study and good judgment earned the confidence of the people. Atchison has many lawyers, among whom we find the name of E. S. Earhart, one of the most promising and energetic young men in the city. Mr. Earhart is the first native-born citizen of Atchison who has been admitted to the Atchison bar. We believe him to be possessed of the qualities that go toward making a good lawyer, and the success he has obtained has only just begun. Mr. Earhart is a graduate of Thiel College, Pennsylvania, and also a graduate of the law department of the Kansas State University. During his residence here Mr. Earhart has been connected with several public enterprises. Although scarcely twenty years old at the time, he occupied the first chair of history in Midland College, of this city. Since his admission to the bar he has received the appointment of local attorney for the Loan and Protection Company, of Philadelphia, and as assistant city attorney for the City of Atchison has rendered acceptable services in that capacity, and well deserves the confidence placed in him. A bright future awaits an energetic young man like Mr. Earhart.

Lewis C. Sceva, Attorney and Counselor at Law, 410 Commercial Street.—Mr. Lewis C. Sceva is one of the vigorous and conscientious lawyers whose names grace the bar of Atchison. He was born in Ohio, and studied law with General John H. Young, of Ohio, being admitted to the Supreme Court of that State in 1881. He was at Harvard a year, and in January, 1883, he came to Atchison, entering on a career which, though it has gained for him a solid reputation, has but begun. He served a two-years' term of probate judge, his term expiring January 1st, 1889. Mr. S. is a scholar in the highest meaning of the word, and has always been a hard student and is also a good speaker. As a probate judge he showed himself of natural logical mind. His library is extensive, and he holds the confidence of the entire community.

Frame & Bland, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Rooms 13, 14 and 15 U. S. Bank Building.—The gentlemen composing this firm are among the most enterprising of Kansas men. They are both West Virginians by birth. Mr. M. T. Frame was admitted in 1872 and practiced eight years in Wheeling before coming West; he was a Cleveland elector in 1884. Mr. W. T. Bland graduated from the University of Virginia in 1882, was admitted the same year, and also

practiced in Wheeling. They came to Atchison two years ago, and by their success in prosecuting cases as well as by their pleasant manner have obtained a first-class clientele. They are special attorneys for the Fitzgerald and Mallory

human brain has advanced. Its theories have in actual practice proven correct. This happy state of things has been brought about by men of daring and perseverance, who, strong in the belief that they were right, have continued to go



RESIDENCE OF DR. G. H. T. JOHNSON, ATCHISON, KANSAS

Construction Co., and other large concerns. They have very pleasant rooms where any callers will feel in the company of men who well understand business.

Dr. G. H. T. Johnson, Commercial St.—From a small and insignificant beginning, a few years ago, have the great principles of homeopathy come to be recognized by the intelligence of the world as among the soundest which the

ahead in spite of opposition. Such an one is Dr. G. H. T. Johnson, of Atchison. The doctor came here in 1867, and was the first to introduce homeopathy in his medical practice here. He had the good fortune to come, not to a "stiff-necked and perverse generation," but among an intelligent class of people who recognized in him, if a man of novel ideas, at least a man of honesty and worth. As a consequence he worked into a large practice, and to-day stands as one of

the leading medical men of the West. He is a native of Illinois, and served three years in the 110th Regiment from that State, with Rosecrans, being at Murfreesboro and Chattanooga, and with Sherman from Chattanooga to the sea. He graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, in 1869; he has been honored with a great number of posts of prominence; he is President of the State Board of Health; he was twice President of the State Homeopathic Medical Society; is a member of the American Institute, examiner of pensions, etc. He is also an Odd Fellow, Mason, A. O. U. W. etc. By special appointment he has written several papers for the State on sanitary and hygienic matters.

P. C. Gress, M. D., Physician and Electrician.—This well-known practitioner, during his nine years' residence in Atchison, has gained a reputation by no means local. He is a native of



Pennsylvania, graduated from Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia in 1875, and practiced in Iowa four years before coming to Kansas. He uses electricity quite extensively in his practice, also with the compound oxygen treatment he has had marked success. In chronic, sexual and private diseases he has never taken up a case he has not cured. His consultations by letter, as well as in person, are free. He has pleasant offices at 527 Commercial, where he can be found from 9 to 12, 2 to 5, and 7 to 8. His residence is at 802 North Ninth. The Doctor prosecutes his profession with carefulness and conscientiousness, and stands well in the medical fraternity. Dr. Gress is also interested in the furnishing of Italian queens and bees, all manner of hive supplies, etc. Persons wishing such will do well to address him.

Dr. W. W. Campbell, Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose. Room 6, 900 Main Street. Office Hours: 9 to 12 M.; 1:30 to 5 P. M.—In connection

with the practice of the science of medicine in the West, there is no name more justly valued than that of Dr. Campbell, of Atchison. The Doctor is a Canadian by birth, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1873, and is an addendum of Long Island College Hospital, of Brooklyn. He practiced four years in Michigan, and came West in 1879. After fifteen years active experience he has discontinued the general practice of medicine, and devotes his time now to the treatment of the eye, ear, throat, nose and skin. In order to master these specialties he spent a year in Moorfield's Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, at Morrell Mackenzie's Throat Hospital, and also in the medical schools of Edinburgh and Paris. He has made several original researches, and obtained a fine reputation. His office rooms in Atchison are elegantly furnished and fitted with every convenience and instrument known to these specialties. He is a Freemason, A. O. U. W., and active in the State Medical and Eastern Kansas district societies. He makes reasonable charges, and can assure as good results as can be obtained in St. Louis, Chicago or Kansas City.

B. F. Hudson, Counselor at Law, 111 North Fourth Street.—The name of Hudson carries with it its own weight. Mr. Hudson is a man of fine judgment, and, as lawyer, has gained an enviable reputation. A native of Pennsylvania, he graduated from Ann Arbor in 1870, being admitted to the bar of Kansas in the same year. As a boy he served in the late war as adjutant of the 46th U. S. colored regiment. He has been city attorney, magistrate and councilman, and is a prominent member of the G. A. R. He has many attractive qualities, and enjoys the respect of the bench and bar.

W. H. Condit, Dentist, Office No. 506 Commercial Street.—Atchison, in this gentleman, has a valuable representative of this profession. Dr. Condit has been fifteen years in the business, has practiced in Atchison eleven years, and has gained the confidence of the people. He is a native of Illinois, and studied dentistry in Champaign, Illinois, where he practiced four years. He has the latest improved instruments and appliances. He is prepared to do all sorts of work in his line. He is pleasantly located at No. 506 Commercial street. He belongs to the K. of P.

Grant Cullimore, M. D., Atchison, Kansas.—This is a name which lends tone and strength to professional life in Kansas. Dr. Cullimore was born in Illinois, graduated from the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, in 1885, and was formerly at Jacksonville, Illinois, as the associate of Dr. Arthur Prince, the famous oculist. He located in Atchison in October, 1887, and at once gained the confidence of the best physicians and people. He is a skilled oculist and aurist, and has also a special reputation in diseases of the throat and nose. He is a member of the Northern Kansas Medical Society, the Eastern Kansas Medical Society, and Central Branch Medical Society. He is oculist to the Soldiers' Home, City Hospital and Missouri Pacific Railroad, and expert eye and ear pension

examiner for Northern Kansas. He is a progressive and valued factor of the community. He receives and contributes to the leading eye periodicals from France, Germany, England and America.

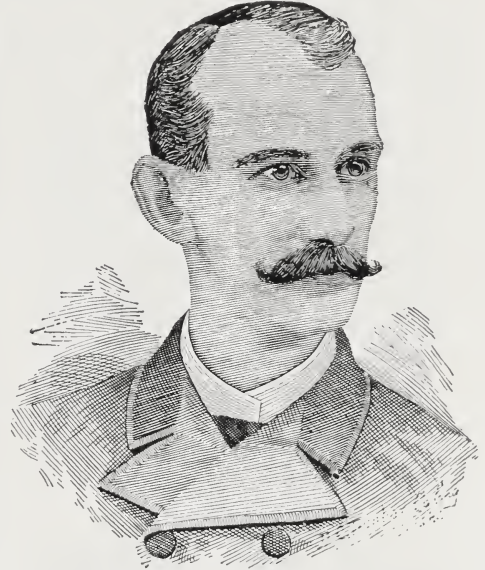
W. J. McSirley, Painter and Decorator, Corner Fifth and Utah.—Mr. McSirley, the painter, during his residence in this State, has become recognized for his detailed knowledge of his business, and his prompt manner of conducting his affairs. He is a native of Philadelphia, where he served several years at his trade, with the best firms. He has had no reason to regret coming West. His store is 25x60 feet, is neatly arranged, and filled with a complete stock of wall paper, room mouldings, window shades, paints, oils, varnishes and house decorating material of all kinds. In painting and decorating, he generally keeps five men employed, and takes special care in executing contract work, making each job an advertisement. He is a member of the K. of H. His pleasant manner makes him friends in and out of trade. Mr. McSirley is starting in raising standard-bred trotting horses; he has five well-bred mares, and his stallion, Cromwellian, 8172, combines the best trotting and thoroughbred blood.

H. L. Whitaker, Hardware and Farm Machinery, 625 Commercial Street.—As a country grows older and wealthier the consumption of no line of articles increases in such proportion as that of those various things included under the term hardware. Mr. Whitaker established his business in 1881, and each year has shown a steady increase in transactions. In February, 1888, fire swept away his entire stock. Nothing daunted, in an incredibly short time he again stood ready to supply his customers. He now occupies a new brick structure at 625 Commercial, 22½x80 feet, in which he has a stock of \$10,000. It includes tools, builders' and manufacturers' supplies, cutlery, farm machinery, etc., a specialty being made of barbed wire. Mr. Whitaker is agent for the celebrated Hapgood sulky plow, Household sewing machine, and the Davis engines. He employs three clerks, and has one traveling salesman steadily upon the road, the trade extending throughout Kansas. Mr. Whitaker is a native of Massachusetts, and formerly lived in Illinois, coming to Kansas in 1858, engaging in farming until he established his present enterprise. He has been for twelve years justice of the peace in the county, and adds to the honor surrounding the business life of Atchison.

J. A. Norton & Son, Wholesale Jewelers, 427 Commercial Street.—The firm of J. A. Norton & Son, manufacturing and wholesale jewelers, and Western agents for the Dueber cases and Hampden movements, are the leading wholesale jewelers of the State. Two men who have had long experience in traveling look after the outside trade. This firm occupies a two-story, with a show room 22x112, fronting on Commercial Street 22 feet, and on Fifth Street 112 feet, filled with the richest designs of the jeweler's art. Established in the city since 1872, this firm has been in their present location three

years. Employing six watch makers and jewelers, an idea of the trade they do can be seen. The Nortons come of a family of jewelers. Mr. J. A. Norton was born in New York, and C. B. in Wisconsin. They came to Kansas in 1872. C. B. Norton is also well known socially, being a member of the Masonic fraternity, K. T., K. of P., etc. If you contemplate opening up business, a call upon J. A. Norton & Son will convince you that they can sell just as fine goods in their line, and at prices equally as low, as can be had in Chicago, St. Louis or New York.

B. J. Holland, M. D.—The practice of medicine is the most honorable connected with social life and conduces more to the welfare



of humanity than any other calling. So do the men engaged in it obtain to a high position among their fellows. Dr. Holland is one of the most successful physicians in the West. Born in Ohio, he was educated at Bethlehem, Pa., and graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1876, studying surgery under the celebrated Gross. He was resident surgeon in the Philadelphia Hospital, from the time of graduation till he came to Atchison, in 1877. He is a member of the State and American Medical Associations, he is assistant chief surgeon of the Mo. Pac. Ry. Co. and division surgeon of the Rock Island, and of the B. & M. In fact without invidious comparisons Dr. Holland is generally regarded as the leading surgeon in this country. He is also an active Mason, (K. T.,) and has held all the offices in the Knights of Pythias, having filled the highest honors therein, namely, supreme representative to the supreme lodge. Dr. Holland made no mistake when he chose his profession; and certainly Kansas is proud in counting him in the ranks of her able sons.

Poebler Brothers, Bakers and Confectioners, 502 Commercial Street.—This old established business is considered the largest of its

kind in this section, and in recent years its growth has been immense. Mr. Poehler, the father of the present owners, started 22 years ago the same block they still are in; 12 years ago his sons succeeded him. Their store recently refitted is one of the sights of Atchison; it is 25x90 feet. An ice cream parlor adds to the attractions of the establishment. They manufacture all kinds of bread, rolls, pies, and also confections. Mr. Poehler, the founder of the house, established a splendid reputation for his bread, which his sons have steadily maintained, and which for some years back they have been shipping to all parts of this State, Missouri and Nebraska. They employ five hands, and cater to furnish weddings and dinner parties. Messrs. Ernest and Chas., the brothers, resident in Atchison, born in Illinois, have grown up with Kansas, their father moving to this State in 1859. The store at Lincoln, Nebraska, is conducted by the other two brothers, Ed. and George. In conclusion we ought to notice that the name is synonymous with fine bread and best confectionery.

C. D. Walker, Attorney at Law.—Among the most substantial men of Atchison, and one



who has much influence in the city, is Mr. C. D. Walker. A native of Pennsylvania, a man of a fine education and a graduate in law of Ann Arbor, Mr. Walker, located in Atchison in 1878, and by his ability and integrity has built up a lucrative practice, and now stands among the foremost at the Atchison bar. He is special attorney for the First National Bank, several other local corporations, and also represents important commercial houses of Chicago and New York. His handsome fortune has been made largely from real estate law practice, on which he is an authority. He is a man of wide information, is an able parliamentarian and an orator and possesses a very fine Italian hand in politics. He is now county auditor and is quite prominent socially and an honored member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of P.'s.

C. H. Blount, Lumber, Coal, Sash, Doors, Blinds and Shingles, Main Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth.—Mr. Blount is one of Atchison's self-made men. A native of Wisconsin, he commenced as a boy in a saw-mill, earning 25 cents a day, and merit soon brought him on. For the last six years he traveled in the West for a large lumber house, and in September last started for himself. His yard is on the railroad, covers 200x130 feet, and is the newest and best arranged for handling coal and lumber in the city. He employs six hands and two wagons. Mr. Blount is an Odd Fellow, and is regarded as a rising man, whose motto is, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Tomlinson & Bosanko, Butchers, 507 Commercial Street.—About five years ago Messrs. B. F. Tomlinson and R. G. Bosanko, two of the oldest butchers in the city, formed a co-partnership, and have had the gratification of seeing their trade develop, until from doing a fair retail, they have grown gradually into a flourishing wholesale and shipping trade, and also retained a large retail. Mr. Tomlinson is a native of the "Blue Grass State," came to Atchison and established himself in business about seventeen years ago. Mr. Bosanko is a Canadian by birth, and has been in business in Atchison about ten years. Mr. Tomlinson is a member of the A. O. U. W., a K. of H., and a Modern Woodman. They occupy two store rooms, 30x90, and use a six-horse engine in the manufacture of sausage. They employ six hands. They always have also on hand a bountiful supply of game in season.

Seip & Horton, Printers, Binders, Fancy Stationers.—Atchison, in the house of Seip & Horton, 408 Commercial Street, has one of the best establishments in the State. In the printing department they have the most improved mechanical equipments. They use steam power, have three job presses, and employ nine hands. A specialty is made of fancy stationery, in which they are very large dealers. All kinds of commercial printing is executed at the shortest notice, in the best manner and at the most reasonable figures. The premises are admirably located, corner Fourth and Commercial, are two stories, 22½x112 feet. The second story is devoted to paper-box manufacturing. The business was established by Messrs. Seip & Co., in 1886, who were succeeded by Seip & Horton, in 1888. They began business on a small scale in this city, occupying two rooms on the second floor of the building in which the present firm is located, and using one press. They moved at one time, but returned to the old stand in which they opened their now mammoth establishment. Mr. John T. Seip was born in Atchison. He learned the printing business in St. Joseph, and has been connected with it since 1872. He is the business manager for the house. He is a member of the K. of P., and is secretary of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Horton is a native of Iowa. He is a practical printer, and has charge of that department. He is considered one of the finest printers on the Missouri River. Mr. Chas. N. Seip, agent of the Pacific and United States Express Companies of this city, was one of the founders of the house.

Geo. W. Simonds, Druggist, 326 Commercial Street, Corner of Fourth.—This business was established in 1871, and the premises occupied for the last four years are centrally located, at corner Commercial and Fourth, consisting of a fine building, where the large stock carried is well displayed. Special attention is given to physicians prescriptions; two assistants are employed. Mr. Simonds is a native of New York. He is a practical druggist, having learned the business in Michigan. He formerly resided in California, and came to Atchison in 1868. He served in the army, in the 6th and then the 1st Michigan Cavalry. Since his location in Atchison he has achieved a brilliant mercantile success.

Barton & Gratigny, Druggists, 728 Commercial Street.—There are no members of the pharmaceutical profession in this city more highly esteemed than this firm. They formed the present partnership and established business in December, 1888. They occupy a new store between Seventh and Eighth, with every modern furnishing, while the stock carried is complete, so that they are enabled to supply readily anything for which there is demand. A large prescription business is done, especial care and attention being given to this department. Mr. Geo. Barton is a native of Massachusetts, and has been in business in Atchison ten years. He is a young man of wonderful energy, well deserving his success. Mr. A. F. Gratigny is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1869. He is a thorough druggist and learned the business in Indiana. He is a prominent member of the State Pharmaceutical Association and the G. A. R. He served in the 56th Ohio Regiment during the war.

W. P. Rounds & Co., Dealers in Sash, Doors, Blinds and Lumber, Corner Tenth and Main.—The business was originally established by A. B. Bradish & Co., who were succeeded in 1879 by Hewitt & Rounds, the business being conducted by this firm until 1883, when W. P. Rounds & Co. succeeded. Mr. Rounds is a native of Maine, and lived in Wisconsin since he was a boy. His business in Atchison is under the able management of Mr. E. C. Ainsworth. The stock carried embraces lumber of all kinds, sash, doors, blinds, etc. The yards cover six lots, and are 150x150 feet, located at the corner of Tenth and Main Streets. A heavy retail business is done, and the best goods at lowest figures are guaranteed.

H. D. Spielman & Co., One-Price Cash Store, 621 Commercial.—Among the leading business houses in this city is the one-price cash dry goods store of Messrs. H. D. Spielman & Co. Starting in this line of trade three years ago, they have extended their business and increased their operations to such an extent that the quarters which they occupied became too small and cramped. In April, 1889, they moved into their present spacious store, 25x100 feet, in every way adapted to the showing and handling of goods. Mr. H. D. Spielman was reared in the dry goods business in St. Louis, and has enjoyed splendid experience. He carries the best selected stock in the city, consisting of over

\$30,000 worth of goods. He employs six polite assistants to help wait on the trade, the extent of which is a great credit to the manner in which business is conducted, and shows the high appreciation Atchison has of solidity and straightforwardness, such as this house puts into effect.

The St. Louis College opened this year in Atchison under the direction of the rector of the parish, who is of the Benedictine order; forms



ST. LOUIS COLLEGE.

an important addition to the welfare of the community. The college provides the means for a first-class elementary and business education long wanted here, and may be looked upon as inaugurating a new era in Atchison history. The fees are for the primary department 50 cents per month, and \$1 a month up to the business and graduating department, which is \$2 per month. It is under the direction of Father Adolph Wessaling, O. S. B., who has been for years favorably known as pastor of the parish. He is a native of Hanover, was educated at St. Vincent's Abbey, Pennsylvania, and as an organizer has few equals. He is assisted by Prof. J. N. Kolz, who is quite an acquisition to Atchison; he has charge of the commercial and graduating department. Also by a corps of six sisters of the Benedictine order who have spent their lives in teaching children. He has opened up this year with an enrollment of 247 pupils, boys and girls, who come from the city and locality. The school is for day scholars, and is conveniently located in the residential part of the city. The building is the finest public structure in Atchison, is a spacious four-story brick and stone erection, and is heated by steam.

D. Cadwell, Binding, Printing and Stationery, 323 Commercial Street.—A representative establishment in this city is that of Mr. D.

Cadwell. The premises occupied are well ordered, 24x80 feet, and with all the latest appliances, a force of eight hands being employed. Mr. C. makes a specialty of manufacturing blank books to order, and is a pleasant gentleman with whom to establish trade relations. Born in London, he came to America in 1853. He learned the business in Chicago, and came to Atchison in 1879, starting at 512 Commercial. For six years he was located there, and since April, 1888, has been at 323. By true merit he has developed his business to its present extensive proportions. He is a thoroughly practical binder. He travels for the business himself, and the trade extends throughout Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

United States National Bank.—Some years ago the president of this bank organized



UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

the German Savings, which the present bank succeeded in January, 1887. In July, 1888, it came into its large and commodious building, of which it occupies the elegantly furnished and equipped first floor. The capital stock is \$250,000; it has correspondents in all the large cities of the Union and in Europe. The president, Geo. Storch, is a man whose worth and talent have ever acted to make him a financial bulwark in the enterprise and solidity of Atchison. Born in Germany, he has grown up with Kansas; he was county treasurer, and ran a bank at Muscotah some years. The Cashier, L. A. Wheeler, has been reared in banking, and been two years with Mr. Storch. The directory consists of Geo. Storch, W. W. Guthrie, O. F. Page, W. W. Campbell, A. J. North, Fred Giddings and L. A. Wheeler.

G. Brandner, Manufacturer of the G. B. Cigars, 412 Commercial Street.—Mr. Brandner established the business in 1866. He was burned out in the fire of 1867, and since 1868 he has

been located at 412 Commercial Street. Six men are employed, the product consisting of the celebrated "G. B." cigar. This is the best ten-cent cigar in the State, with Havana filler and Sumatra wrapper. The stock carried will average \$6,000. A traveling salesman is regularly on the road, and the trade extends through Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. Mr. Brandner is a native of the old country, and came to America in 1857. He is a most liberal-hearted and genial gentleman. He served three years during the war in the 8th Kansas Reg't, in the battles of Chattanooga, Nashville, Atlanta, etc.

Atchison Sash and Door Co., Manufacturers and Jobbers of Sash, Doors, Blinds and Mouldings.—The rapid growth of the West has called into existence large concerns handling these articles which go to make up the construction of a house. Prominent among them is the great Atchison Sash and Door Company, of Atchison, Kansas. They commenced operations here on the 1st of January, 1888, and have in this short time built up a heavy trade, extending throughout Kansas and Nebraska, where their goods have obtained a standard name. They sell exclusively to dealers, generally in contract lots. They carry a stock of all sizes, of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, pine and hard wood inside finish, newels and stair work, etc. Their large building, three-story and basement, 60x80, is filled to overflowing with stock, besides which they have a two-story structure on the railroad. They require in town six hands, while on the road they have two first-class men employed. The manager of the company, Mr. W. A. Neavitt, is an experienced lumberman. He is a native of the State of Iowa, and was five years with this company in the lumber regions of the Northwest. His concern has all the necessary capital for carrying on business, and the best relations with the lumber fields, owning large tracts themselves, so that they can offer builders and contractors every inducement as to prices and quality.

C. N. Seip, Agent Pacific and United States Express.—Among the institutions of the country which have grown to be indispensable, the express companies take position in the front rank, and in this matter the West can justly boast of having a company thoroughly identified with her every interest. Liberal and public-spirited, the Pacific Express Company has popularized itself so that it is regarded as a friend of the people. Mr. C. N. Seip is the agent in Atchison. He is a gentleman whose ability is well known, and has been agent for the Pacific Express Company since its location in this city, in 1880, before which time he was messenger for the United States Company. This latter company he has had since 1882, and with the two can take business for any part of the world, at low rates, with best security. Mr. Seip is a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Atchison from Illinois at the age of ten. He enjoys the respect and confidence of his companies, and takes an active part for advancing Atchison and her interests.

Bev. Shifflet, Livery.—The leading stable in this city is Bev. Shifflet's; of brick, built in April, 1885, from his own designs, it is a model of convenience for the comfort of stock. Here will be found fourteen head of horses of fine action, and buggies and carriages of all kinds. For those who want to see the sights of the town, polite drivers will be furnished. A native of Illinois, serving through the war in an Illinois regiment, Mr. S. at its close hastened to Kansas, where he has ever remained. His stable is a scene of bustle. He owns a stallion—son of Geo. Wilkes, whose services are in great demand.

A. C. Dewinter, Artist Tailor, Commercial Street.—This establishment is the center of a large patronage which has been secured since the inception of the enterprise in this city, 5th July, 1888. Mr. Dewinter does business on a cash basis, and makes both ladies' and gentlemen's garments. A fine stock of imported and domestic goods is displayed, and as the assistants employed are the most skilled tailors, it is but a natural consequence that the garments are unrivaled in quality, fit, comfort and elegance of appearance. Mr. Dewinter was born in Paris. He came to America in 1880, and was with Geo. W. Matthews, in Chicago, before coming to this city. He has been connected with the tailoring business twenty-two years. He gives as Paris references, the world renowned Worth and Felix, and in London he refers to Redfern and Doré.

Babberger, Artistic Photographer, No. 317 Commercial Street.—This art photographic studio, under the management of William Babberger, has obtained a reputation second to none. Since he started in 1886, Mr. Babberger has shown his many patrons that he thoroughly understands his profession. Photographic work of every description is here produced in the highest style, and an extensive business is done. Mr. Babberger is a native of Baden. He learned his profession in St. Louis. He is ably assisted by his wife as retoucher. The marked success of this enterprise is the best evidence that the work here executed is appreciated by the people of Atchison.

W. H. Thayer, Foundry and Machine Shops, Corner Tenth and Park Streets.—Mr. Thayer established this business five years ago, and has built up a solid trade. He employs four men, operates the machinery (all new and modern) by a four-horse engine. The shop is 50x80 feet, yard 50 more, and the location is at the corner of Tenth and Park Streets. He does all the repair work for the mills in town, a large out-of-town trade. Using only the best material, satisfaction is always assured. He does most of the work for the Paragon Wind Mill. Mr. Thayer was born in Canada, came to the United States in 1867, and is an extensive property owner; always having pursued an enlightened business policy, he fully merits the high position accorded him in commercial and manufacturing circles.

Geo. W. Kite, Steam Heater, Plumber, Gas Fitter, Haxtun Steam Heating Apparatus, 317 Commercial Street.—The industries of Atchison would be quite incomplete without men-

tioning the establishment of Geo. W. Kite, who succeeded Kite & Bowen, long established at 317 Commercial. Starting nine years ago, Mr. Kite has built it up to its present magnitude by hard labor and a determined will. Employing thirteen men, he makes a specialty of steam fitting and plumbing, both in the city and country. Few residence or business blocks in this city can be found that are not supplied with Mr. Kite's heating apparatus, and in every case entire satisfaction has been given. With a store room 24x70, he has besides a large stock every appliance needed in his business to do work cheaply and thoroughly. Previous to coming to Atchison, eighteen years ago, Mr. Kite, who is a native of Philadelphia, was for a number of years in the U. S. regular army, fighting Indians in the far West. Besides being prominent in business he is an active member of the orders of A. O. U. W. and C. K. of America.

John H. Barry, Wood, Coal and Feed, Corner Ninth and Main.—An industry doing a



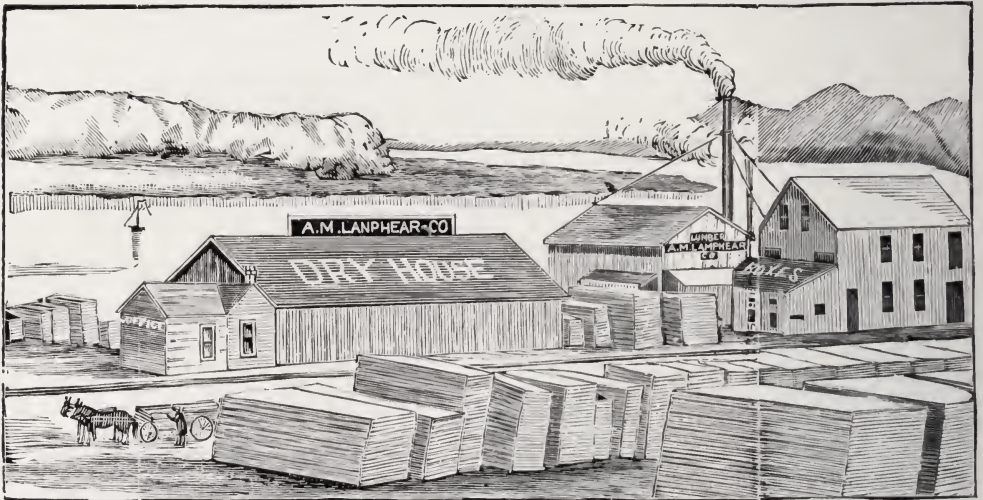
large business and enjoying a high reputation is that conducted by John H. Barry. He started it in 1885, and has continued in uninterrupted operation ever since. He is well fixed to handle business, having tracks on his own ground, bins with capacity for about fourteen cars, an engine for sawing wood, fine teams, large scales, etc. The main yard has 101 feet on Main, runs back to the railroad 137, besides which he has still as a wood yard his old place at 825 Commercial street. Mr. Barry is a native of Boston, came West to Leavenworth as a boy, and moved to Atchison in the spring of 1870. He is now serving his second term as sheriff; a staunch Democrat, he was re-elected by a majority of 874, in a county which usually goes about 700 Republican. He was formerly on the city force a year as policeman, three as constable, and two as

marshal; he is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Catholic Knights; he is personally very popular and a splendid sheriff.

Alex. S. Bowen, Plumber, Gas Fitter and Steam Heater, 321 Commercial Street.—An efficient exponent of this branch of skilled industry is Alex. S. Bowen, whose business embraces practical plumbing, gas and steam fitting of all descriptions, and whose headquarters are located at 321 Commercial. He established business in this city in 1880, and has permanently maintained a lead. The building occupied is 22½x90 feet, containing a desirable stock of gas fixtures, steam fittings, plumbers' goods, etc. Six hands are employed, and the heaviest contracts for new work are undertaken. Mr. Bowen is a native of Pennsylvania, and during the war served in the 48th Pennsylvania regiment in Virginia. He is a machinist by trade, and belongs to the Masonic order.

lumber, are enabled to select the choice of their wood for making their boxes. Mr. Lanphear, the active partner, is a native of Springfield, Ill., came to Kansas in 1869, and was several years teller in the First National. His success reflects credit on his ability. His extensive yards are located on the river and railroad, and he enjoys every facility for handling lumber, including a neat and cozy office, where he is ever to be found ready to answer telephone or personal calls.

W. S. Anderson, Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Woodenware, Tinware, Etc., 505 Commercial Street.—Mr. Anderson came within one year of being a native-born American, his parents having emigrated to this country from Denmark one year after his birth. The large business, of which he is now proprietor, was established in 1880 by Mr. James Edmondson, to whom Mr. Anderson was a successor.



A. M. Lanphear & Co., Lumber and Boxes.—Messrs. Lanphear & Co. are counted one of the most progressive of Atchison's concerns. They came into existence five years ago by the purchase of a saw-mill, which had been in operation since the war. The business of cutting and planing lumber they succeeded to was small, but has been greatly enlarged. Their profits netted them quite a capital, which they have this year invested in a box manufacturing plant. The saw-mill has a capacity of 10,000 feet a day, the building being 25x40; the box factory is a substantial two-story frame building, 30x40, and furnished with the best plant known to this branch of manufacture. The engine is 40-horse. They make any sort of packing box for groceries, hardware, dry goods or other lines, crates, cases, etc.; they make them at present chiefly from cottonwood, but are rapidly building up a trade also in finely finished pine wood. They are prepared to furnish large orders for and solicit annual contracts from wholesalers and packers. They furnish the Atchison wholesalers, and are branching out into Kansas and Nebraska. Messrs. Lanphear being dealers in

His business is exclusively retail, and sufficiently large to require the assistance of three hands, and two wagons to deliver orders. Mr. Anderson, besides being successful in business, has frequently been honored by the City of Atchison and the secret orders to which he belongs. He has served his city as a member of the council, and has been chosen by the K. of L. State Master Workman of the Kansas State Assembly for three years; after State Recording Secretary of the Kansas State Assembly, which position he holds at present. Besides being a member of the K. of L., he belongs to the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and M. W.

E. M. Meinhart, Painting, Wall Paper, Glass, Paints and Oils, 304 Commercial Street.—Mr. Meinhart has an extensive trade throughout Kansas and Missouri. He established in this city in 1867, and has advanced rapidly and steadily until he ranks well to the front. The building occupied is located at 204 Commercial. He moved here this year from South Fourth Street, where he was three years. He carries an elegant line of wall paper, glass, paints, oils,

etc. He employs twenty-five hands in season. Mr. M. is a native of Germany, was reared in Minnesota, came to Atchison in 1860, and has displayed energy and skill in developing his business. He was in the army, in Col. Shippington's Regiment, is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H., A. O. U. W., Woodmen, Herman Sons, Turnverein, etc.

The Kansas Trust and Banking Company.—Western investments have not only become the most popular securities, but have regulated the price of "investment stock" in the American market. A large proportion of foreign money (attracted by what they deem to term high rates of interest,) also draws a regular income from them. While a few wild speculators have tried their best to secure the lending of more money on Kansas land than it was really worth, and tended to rather bring Western investment into disfavor, it is pleasant to observe that they have had no influence on companies who have their head offices and stockholders in Kansas. These men have not only at heart their State's interests, but discountenance those outsiders who speculate in Kansas substance and Kansas honor. While the majority of Kansas companies are in a good condition, there is one to be prominently noticed, the Kansas Trust and Banking Company, of Atchison. This company was organized in February, 1886, by men who had already had many years' experience in loaning money here. The officers are: Jno. J. Ingalls, U. S. Senator; C. M. Regnier and Chas. A. Shoup, of St. Joseph; Geo. Manley, the New York banker; R. M. Manley, who adds to a European university education fine business talent; E. G. Armsby, cashier and secretary, a native of Illinois, and, in loaning in Kansas since 1875, considered an authority on mortgages; Chas. Manley, assistant cashier. They do business on the coupon-bond plan (6 and 7 per cent), the simplest and safest method devised. The capital and paid-in liability is \$200,000, secured by first mortgages on real estate; the amount loaned is never more than 40 per cent of the value of the security; loans are made only on the cultivated sections of land in Kansas and Nebraska. The bonds are usually for five years, in denominations of \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$100, and in a series, sometimes say of \$100,000, each bond being secured by all of the series to which it belongs. No mortgage is removed from the trust without being substituted by another of equal value. They adopt the most elaborate methods of ascertaining the value of each farm they negotiate a loan on, by personally investigating it, first by their resident agent, by their traveling examiner, and finally twice a year by an officer of the company. The company is well known in the East and Europe, and has offices at 187 Broadway, New York, and Liebig Strasse 531, Frankfort, Germany.

Burlington Route

The "Burlington System," popularly spoken of as the "Q," is in many quarters regarded as the model railroad system of America. From a commencement in 1852 of 37 miles, it has extended itself with the country's growth, and reaches into all the principal cities between the Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. Its extensions, leases and purchases of other lines have been most careful and judicious, and at no time has it been harassed in its monetary or other resources. It has ever held public confidence, and its common stock has always figured as an *investment* security. The system has come to be one of the wealthiest corpora-

tions in the world, and there is hardly a station on its 7,000 miles of road that does not pay for itself, and give a surplus to the general revenue. The system has absorbed some very old and substantial properties, among which we specially note those in the Missouri Valley, the K. C. St. J. & C. B., the H. & St. J., and the B. & M. R. R.'s, which run into Atchison, giving this city and Kansas the best connections East, West and North. Of all the railroads running East from the Missouri River, the Burlington has the best and most solid road-bed. It runs longer trains and will take heavier contracts for a complete freight train than other roads; its engines are generally larger and more powerful, and will pull more freight. The K. C. St. J. & C. B. R. R. is a substantial and paying property. It became a part of the Burlington System in 1880; its main line is along the Missouri River, from Kansas City through East Leavenworth, Atchison and St. Joseph to Council Bluffs and Omaha; its length, with branches, is 318 miles. The H. & St. J. R. R. is the oldest chartered railroad in Missouri, and owns the bridge across the Missouri River at Kansas City; it has 296 miles, and became a part of the Burlington System in 1882. The B. & M. R. R. is the greatest single acquisition the system has made. The B. & M. of Iowa, 444 miles, was secured in 1872, but in 1880, by perpetual lease of the B. & M. in Nebraska, 836 miles in operation and 100 miles under construction, were added. The mileage of the B. & M. in Nebraska has since been increased to over 3,000 miles, reaching to Denver and to the Black Hills. This road, in the most liberal sense of the term, honeycombs Nebraska and reaches into the principal towns of Northern Kansas; some of these latter are Atchison, Troy, Hanover, Washington, Concordia and Oberlin. It is a very important outlet for Atchison's commerce and manufactures, and gives her direct and quick access to every town and village in Nebraska of any importance. In fact it gives her control of a large territory in that State. The Burlington System is noted for its superior freight equipment. It handles about half the freight coming into and going out of Atchison. It has a fine freight depot, a large number of side-tracks, and the best facilities for handling freight at this point. It runs regularly twenty freight trains in and out of here daily, ten passenger over the K. C., four over the H. & St. J. and four over the B. & M. daily. It runs direct passenger trains from Kansas City to Columbus, Nebraska, through Atchison; also sleepers from Atchison to Omaha and Denver. The freight business of the B. & M. is under the direction of Mr. Walker, located at Atchison, who has been fourteen years with the Burlington. The passenger business of the system in the Missouri Valley and the Southwest is managed from the St. Joseph office, by Col. A. C. Daves, probably the oldest and best known passenger agent in the West; he is ably seconded by Geo. B. Dunbar, assistant general passenger agent, a graduate of Harvard, who, during his four years with the "Q" system, has come rapidly to the front; he was two years in Chicago, one in Des Moines, and now over a year in St. Joseph. The Burlington, though it may be said to skirt Kansas, having but 115 miles in the State, so closely en-

circles its northern and eastern borders that it forms an important feeder and outlet for this section. It has very strong connections towards the East, West and North, and will give through bills of lading and through tickets to the seaboard or Europe, to St. Paul and all places in Canada, from almost any point in the northern section of Kansas.

Atchison Packing and Provision Company, Durst & Logeman.—About twenty-five years ago the oldest of this firm, Chas. Durst, arrived in Atchison from the East. The others, John Durst and F. M. Logeman, afterwards followed, and with no more money than the first. They started in butchering, made \$75,000 out of that business, and this last year embarked in the packing business, and are reviving the former prestige of Atchison as a pork center. They have made the house one of the best establishments of the kind for this busi-



ness in the country. They have an arctic ice machine and storage capacity for the product of 1,000 hogs. They occupy eight acres, and employ sixty men. They commenced slaughtering Nov. 13, 1889, at the rate of 200 hogs daily, and have a capacity for 2,000 daily. They get the most of their hogs in Kansas and Missouri. Their trade is growing rapidly, and reaches all over the West and South, as far as Mexico. They prepare all the products of the hog—shoulders, ribs, sides, sausages, sugar-cured hams, lard, fertilizers, etc. The best methods of curing meats are followed, and nothing is shipped which is not of prime quality and condition. Meats sent out without canvassing are not guaranteed against skippers. Atchison is justly proud of Messrs. Durst & Logeman's pluck and enterprise in starting this new concern, giving a market here for hogs, and supplying the local trade with the best pork. They are men of straightforwardness, superior qualifications, and their continued success is assured.

A. B. & B. D. Zimmerman, Carpenters and Builders, 311 South Fifth Street.—Among the best business firms of Atchison is that of A. B. & B. D. Zimmerman. No branch of business requires more careful workmen, and the prosperity that has attended this firm shows they thoroughly understand business. Messrs. Z. are cousins, natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Atchison eleven years ago. They occupy a large two-story building, 22x60, containing the machinery necessary for good work; they employ

from five to fifteen hands. They did the work on Midland College, and built the president's house, also Harris's store. They are members of the A. O. U. W. and Legion of Honor. Good work never fails of being appreciated, as Messrs. Zimmerman's success plainly shows.

Opera House, L. M. Crawford, Lessee and Manager.—From the days of the Roman and Grecian amphitheaters, when the plaudits of the people greeted the productions of the ancient playwrights, the stage has occupied an historical place in the annals of nations. The names and works of men who have become eminent in the world of letters, from Sophocles to Shakespeare, have been perpetuated not more by the intrinsic merit of their genius than by the influence and popularity of the theaters and the effective presentation of their drama. There is as much ability, good judgment and business knowledge requisite in the management of a first-class opera house, so called in modern nomenclature, as in any other business pursuit in life. Most cities in Europe, and in this country, of any metropolitan pretensions, consider an opera house a necessary institution and one of the best evidences of culture and refinement, and a certain indication of commercial progress and wealth. Among Atchison's public buildings the opera house occupies a place in the front rank. The house was opened by Mr. Crawford in 1882. The auditorium is divided into parquette, balcony and gallery, and has a seating capacity of 1,000. The stage is complete in its appointments, its ar being 30x60 feet. Everything is pleasing and attractive, the entertainments given embracing the leading artists, presenting a round of amusements which draw crowded houses and give entire satisfaction to the patrons of the theater. The house is one of the celebrated Crawford

circuit, which includes fourteen of the best paying theaters in the principal cities of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. The headquarters are at Topeka, Kansas, where the booking for the entire circuit is attended to. Mr. E. L. Martling, the local manager, is a native of St. Louis. He is a journalist, and has been in Atchison three years. Mr. W. J. Ham has been treasurer of the opera house since the opening. He is a native of Missouri. They fulfill their duties with ability and enterprise.

McLeod, Photographer, 509 Commercial Street.—Among all the inventions of man, probably none have been carried to such a degree of perfection as that of Daguerre. What a pleasure to look on the face of a friend, portrayed with an expression so life-like that one can almost divine the thoughts of him whose memory is thus freshened; a kindly smile wreathes the face of the beholder, as he recalls to mind some peculiarity or anecdote of the original. By this means we are permitted to look on the face of departed ones gone before us, and preserve their image, until we ourselves are numbered among them. This gallery is the oldest in the city. A native of Canada, Mr. McLeod learned his business with Notman, in Montreal; after which he removed to Illinois, where he remained eight years; thence to Kansas City, continuing there four years, when he secured his present apartments. His spacious gallery which is 40x120, exhibits pictures from the size of a postage stamp to a life-size portrait. He employs two very efficient assistants, and a visit to his parlors cannot fail to please, and will be long remembered.

H. M. Glancy, Coal, Coke and Wood, 215 S. Fourth Street.—Mr. Glancy is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio; came to Kansas 29th of April, 1869, and in these twenty years has seen Atchison grow from a frontier settlement to its present position, and has helped her to grow. He was sixteen years in dry goods, and now four years in his present line. He keeps six wagons in the season; his warehouse is 100x120 feet; a railroad switch runs into his yard; his saw-mill, run by a four-horse engine, was till recently the only one in town; he has never lost a customer, and has ever taken an active interest in advancing and contending for the general good.

J. L. Bliss, Jeweler, Atchison, Kansas.—J. L. Bliss, the oldest jeweler in town, is a native of Massachusetts, and after serving through the war in a Wisconsin Regiment with credit, came to Atchison in 1866, and opened up business. For the last eleven years he has been in his present location, and his store, with its elegant interior and large stock, is one of the finest in the State. The room is 24x80. In his employ are a watchmaker, jeweler and two apprentices. Carrying a stock valued at \$25,000; every make and style of watches, clocks, silverware, etc., may be here found. The line of diamond rings, pins and brooches are a feature seldom sees, outside the largest cities. Mr. Bliss belongs to the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, and is recognized as a leader in worthy undertakings.

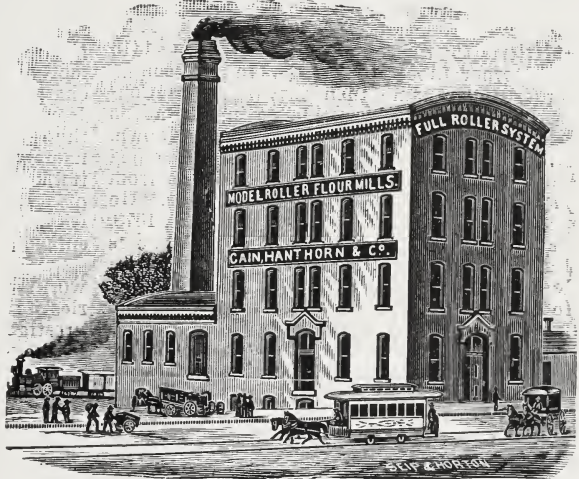
WEST ATCHISON.

J. W. Hotham, Meats, 1413 Main Street.—A flourishing business in West Atchison is that of J. W. Hotham. Mr. H. started here six years ago, and has been three years at his present stand. Here he has neat premises, 25x60 feet, which present, in business hours, a live aspect. He handles meats—fresh, salted and smoked—of all kinds, makes sausages, and also deals in lard and allied products. Mr. Hotham is originally from Pennsylvania, came West in 1872, and farmed two years before he settled in Atchison. He has built up by his agreeable manner, by his giving customers what they want, by keeping only the best, a nice, substantial trade; and he is looked upon as an acquisition to the welfare of the community.

William Graham, House Painter and Paper Hanger, 1310 West Main Street.—It is a recognized fact that wherever Scotchmen settle they constitute a splendid acquisition to the community. An example of this do we find in Atchison in Mr. Wm. Graham. Mr. Graham learned his trade and worked many years at it in Glasgow, crossed the ocean in 1882, and settled in Atchison. He continued his trade of painter and paper hanger, at once got first-class patronage, and rapidly built up a large business. He has nice premises, consisting of a main building, 34x40, the lower floor being the store, and up-stairs, residence. He carries a varied selection of wall paper, in latest patterns and at

all prices. His workshop, in the rear, is 22x18 feet, and is provided with modern tools. Besides house painting, he designs and executes sign work. He keeps regularly employed four first-class workmen. Besides the lot and house he lives in, he owns other property. He takes an active interest in the public welfare, and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Cain, Hanthorn & Co., Proprietors Model Roller Flour Mills.—When we look at such establishments as the Model Roller Flour Mills, of Atchison, we cannot help but remark the ever more important place Kansas is taking as a wheat and flour producing State. It is to the enterprise of such men as Cain, Hanthorn & Co. that she owes this. Their mill was built from the ground up in 1884. It is a five-story building, 40x65; the engine and boiler house form an addition of 40x42; the engine is a Nordyke and Marmon, of Indiana, 150 horse power. The capacity in 400 barrels; eighteen men are employed



and two wagons for local purposes; two men on the road, the flour being sold through Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas and other States. They also do a large export trade, shipping direct to Glasgow and Liverpool. J. M. Cain, P. H. Hanthorn and A. D. Cain, the owners of this mill, are men of worth and experience. The Cains are originally from the Isle of Man; A. D. came to America fifteen years ago. Mr. Hanthorn is a New Jerseyman, and has resided in Kansas since 1869. They manufacture all grades of fine flour. The best known of their brands are: "Model Patent," "Pearl," "Leader" and "Victor." They conduct their affairs in every way on the best business principles, and are a credit to the trade.

H. M. Walker, Hardware, No. 1503 Main Street.—The name of Walker is prominently identified with the progress of West Atchison. H. M. Walker, who has added a splendid hardware store, amply sustains the reputation of the name. He is a native of Jefferson County, settled in Atchison two years ago, and was some

time in groceries, which he sold out last spring to confine his attention to hardware. His premises are 25x60 feet. The stock consists of a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, bar iron, steel, horse shoes, nails, plows, plow castings, farmers' tools, a nice selection of parlor and kitchen stoves, pails and house furnishing goods, etc. He procures his goods from first hands, and retails to customers at lowest figures consistent with a small margin of profit, and by always keeping modern things has built up the large custom he enjoys.

George Schaefer, Dealer in Groceries and Dry Goods, 1325 Main Street.—Geo. Schaefer started in the West End five years ago, and built this year handsome premises—a substantial two-story brick building, 25 feet front and 60 deep. His stock, bought direct from manufacturers and jobbers, consists of groceries, dry goods, hats and caps, notions, etc. Mr. S. was born in Cincinnati, and came West in 1857. He is known for his honest representations, and adds strength to West Atchison.

Hugh Connaughton, Groceries, 1416 Main, corner Liberty.—There is in Atchison no more popular name than that of Hugh Connaughton. During his residence in Kansas his genial manners have made him widely known. Mr. C. is a native of the Emerald Isle; crossed the ocean young, and came to Atchison from Wisconsin, where he lived many years. He opened business at 1416 Main, March 27, 1878. His main store building is 20x60 feet, and is filled with a nice stock of groceries of all kinds. He was nineteen years sheriff in Wisconsin. He has considerable city and country property. He also has always taken an active interest in public matters. On retiring from the council he received the present of a gold-headed cane from his brother councilmen.

A. J. Heinz

West Atchison Shoe Store, No. 1305 Main Street.—Mr. Heinz, proprietor of the West Atchison Shoe Store, is known as one of our livest young men. He is an Austrian by birth, came to America nine years ago, and to Atchison shortly afterward. He opened this store in 1884, and the following year moved into his present building. It is an attractive structure, 20x70 feet, one of the ornaments of West Atchison. He has a solid trade, and keeps a varied stock of boots and shoes, including finest ladies' and gents', as well as the heaviest and strongest for railroad use. He also carries a nice selection of men's gloves, for rough wear and dress, and thus can "shoe your hands as well as your feet." He does repairing, and makes fine shoes to order, employing first-class shoemakers. A practical shoemaker himself, (he learned the trade in the old country,) he understands what goes to make up a good boot or shoe. Mr. Heinz is perfectly business-like in all he undertakes, is square dealing, treats his customers in a liberal manner, and those trading with him always find out they get the best goods at the least money. Mr. Heinz bought out last July the West Atchison Lunch House, of which he has made a great success. Here are served at all hours, day or night, fresh

oysters in every style, and anything else you wish to eat, at short notice, and in clean and first-class manner. The lunch room gets all the railroad and the best local patronage.



The history of the Missouri Pacific forms the most marvelous example of the extension of power and usefulness by consolidation and purchase that railroad history shows. The company may be looked upon as coming into existence by consolidation in 1880 by the union of six railroads running in Kansas and Missouri. These were; the St. L. & L., owning a line from Sedalia to Lexington; the K. C. & E., a narrow gauge, later changed to standard, giving the M. P. two lines from Kansas City to Sedalia; the L. & S.; the St. L. K. & A., owning a line from Paola to Leroy, and from Osawatomie to Ottawa, Kansas; the K. L. & A., and the old M. P. itself. The name, "Missouri Pacific," was adopted in 1876, when the A. & P., which leased the Pacific Railway, defaulted in its contract, and the third mortgage bonds of this latter road, which was chartered in 1849 and was the first to build west from the Mississippi River, were foreclosed, and the company purchasing reorganized under the name Missouri Pacific Railway, with share capital of \$3,000,000. Up to 1880 the road consisted of a single main line, from St. Louis to Kansas City. In that year the present directorate assumed control, and the management inaugurated a period of progress which has extended its workings into the principal States and Territories of the West and brought about the wonderful prestige the name Missouri Pacific commands in the public mind to-day. In December, 1880, they leased the M. K. & T., (1374 miles,) but abrogated it in November, 1887, as its earnings were not sufficient to pay the rentals. Consolidation has been called the Missouri Pacific's birthright; its watchword has been extension by lease and purchase. It has shown wonderful judgment in acquiring lines running to and through important points, and is noted for the number of large towns on its system. A striking instance of this is seen in its ramifications in Northern Kansas, where, by a single deal, it has extended itself into all the principal towns of a territory where it has no less than four strong competitors. With about one-third of the mileage, it reaches most of the towns the other roads reach, and quite a number of progressive little places that the others do not come to. This acquisition, the Central Branch of the U. P., was made in 1881. This branch was made up of the following roads: A. C. & P., from Waterville to Lenora, Greenleaf to Washington, Downs to Alton, and Yuma to Warwick; the A. J. C. & W., Jamestown to Burr Oak, and the main line, Atchison to Waterville, having a total of 388 miles. The Rooks County Railroad, from Allen to Stockton, is operated by the Central Branch division. Towards the end of the same year the M. P. got control of the Iron Mountain road, 863 miles, and also of the I. & G. N. of Texas, 775 miles; also the control of the stock of the T. P., 1,487 miles. The Mo. Pac. Ry. Co., of Kansas, incorporated June 14th, 1881, owning

a line from Atchison to the Nebraska line, to a junction with the U. P. at Papillion, Neb., about 110 miles, was consolidated with the M. P. Feb. 3d, 1882, and thus gave them a connection to Omaha and the great lines diverging therefrom. From July, 1883, to May, 1884, when it passed into receivers' hands, the great Wabash system was managed by the Mo. Pac. Co. During 1883 three small roads in the State of Missouri, amounting to 75 miles, became a part of the great M. P. In the year 1886 occurred the "Great Strike," notwithstanding which the directory continued, with unabated vigor, building new lines of road in all directions. This strike, extending over a period of six weeks, in which not a carload of freight was handled, and when 6,000 men were thrown out of work, was a great set-back to the road; but as the public recognized that the strikers were in the wrong, the road became still more popular. By the acquisition of the Ft. S. W. & W., the Missouri Pacific's share of business in Southern Kansas was greatly enlarged. The principal features of the years 1887 and 1888 were the extensions through Southern, Central and Northern Kansas; the main line goes to Pueblo, Colo., while numerous other branches bring nearly the whole of Kansas under its sway. Owing to the separation of the I. & G. N. and the M. K. & T., the mileage of the M. P. has been greatly reduced; but the system is eminently solidified and strengthened, as these roads run through an immense extent of poor and unpopulated territory. It now includes the roads classed as follows:

	Miles.
Missouri Pacific.....	1,416
Independent branch lines.....	1,703
Iron Mountain.....	1,208
Little Rock.....	2
Little Rock & Fort Smith.....	170
Kansas & Arkansas Valley.....	83
Central Branch.....	388
Sedalia, Warsaw & Southern.....	42
Total	5,012

By the completion of the new line from Coffeyville, Kas., to Van Buren, 165 miles, the M. P. gives Topeka and Northern Kansas a direct through line to Memphis and all Arkansas and Texas points. The M. P. is the trunk line of the Missouri Valley, and does the bulk of the traffic in it. It has been selected by the Government to carry the fast mail between St. Louis and Kansas City. The limited express, running between St. Louis, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Atchison, St. Joseph, Lincoln and Omaha, is the handsomest train west of the Mississippi River; the equipment is composed of Pullman vestibule, buffet, sleeping cars, elegant reclining-chair cars and first-class day coaches. There is no change of cars between St. Louis and any of the above points named, and *vice versa*. The Central Branch division train is equipped with

reclining-chair cars, finest day coaches; runs from Atchison west to Stockton, Lenora and the principal points in Western Kansas and Southern Nebraska. The new line to Superior and Hastings, Neb., has opened up with a good freight and passenger business. The Mo. Pac. does about as much business at Atchison as the other lines running in here combined. It has twenty-four passenger and sixteen freight trains arriving and departing here daily. It runs four trains daily between Atchison and St. Louis, five to Kansas City, two to Lincoln and Omaha, and four to St. Joseph. It conducts its business in a thorough and systematic manner, employing the best material, latest conveniences and the best brain it can get. The agents are responsible men, and the directorate adopts the wise plan of giving them full charge of the business in their locality, making them feel their position and importance, making thinking men of them and not automatons. Mr. C. E. Styles, passenger and ticket agent at Atchison, is an example of such, and is one of the influential men of the city. He has been with the road since Nov. 4, 1869; the line opened here on the 28th of September previous. Mr. S. is a native of Illinois, earned his first living as deputy clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in Missouri, under Judge Burns, the late congressman; he was a year with the H. & St. Jo. R. R. and finished his education at Lombard Institution, Illinois. He then came with the M. P., and with the exception of 1880 and 1881, when the road appointed him Northwestern passenger agent, during which time all city ticket offices were closed and all business done from the union depot office, he has held his present position. He was three years in the city council, was president the third term, and acting mayor the greater portion of the year. He is well supported in the business of his office by two active assistants. Mr. Nipps, the agent at Topeka, is another example of the vigorous and active stuff that enters into the make-up of a Missouri Pacific employé. He has been in railroading seven years; was first with the M. P., and came back to them two years ago. H. C. Townsend, the general passenger agent of the system, is known through the entire West for the liberal and enterprising manner in which he has continued to direct the passenger traffic of the Missouri Pacific since he took the office. He is well represented when absent from St. Louis, the headquarters of the road, by B. D. Caldwell in the passenger, and B. Allison in the advertising department. My beloved son or daughter of the Sunflower State, when you are going to travel, don't fail to call on the Missouri Pacific ticket agent in your town; you will find him—wherever under God's sun he may be—always an agreeable and well-posted gentleman.

VALLEY FALLS.

THE original name of this town was Grasshopper Falls, after which it was for a short time Sautrelle Falls. The citizens did not generally recognize the name, and after about a year it resumed its original one, which it bore for some time. In 1875 the name of the township was changed to Delaware, and the present name, Valley Falls, adopted.

Valley Falls is a thriving, attractive town, of about 1,200 population; pleasantly located on the gently-sloping hillside, on the right bank of the Delaware River, and at the junction of the Santa Fé, the Northwestern and the Kansas Central Railroads.

The residence part of the town is beautifully ornamented by fruit, shade and evergreen trees. The residence lots are large, and the houses neat and attractive in appearance. The business houses are spacious and well built. In the center of the city, on both sides of the street, are handsome brick blocks. It is the metropolis of the county, far exceeding any other within its limits, both in population and the amount of business done.

The history of the town begins with 1854, when, in February, Henry Zen located at the falls of the Grasshopper River. He was followed by another party in the fall, and the next spring the town was properly laid off. The same year the river was dammed, and a grist-mill set going, one of the three owners being Isaac Cody, father of the now noted Buffalo Bill, who has been a celebrated Indian scout.

The original town site comprised 320 acres. The site was recognized by the Government surveyors in 1856, and they left it just as surveyed by the proprietors. When the commotion of the land sales occurred, in July, 1857, involving several law-suits, there were but seven buildings on the town site. The first school was also opened this year, and a hotel built. Up till the opening of the Civil War, the town grew steadily, and after its close continued to be the principal business point of the county. The Santa Fé and Kansas Central entered the town in 1872, which year naturally saw a rapid growth, and in the fall of 1873 the town about reached its present size.

Since then the town has increased in population and number of houses but slowly. There have, however, been great improvements in the class of buildings, and a great deal done to improve the general comfort and appearance of the city. All classes of business are well represented, and the merchants have a good trade. The streets are kept in good condition; so is the public park. The school attendance is over three hundred. All the principal churches are represented, and the leading secret societies.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF VALLEY FALLS.

Delaware Bank.—Incorporated in 1889 as a State bank, this institution has taken the front place as the bank of the city. With an authorized capital of \$50,000, and having in its management some of the ablest business men in town, it is but little wonder that popular favor should be given it. Located in the most central part of the city, adjoining the post office, it is easy of access, and brought to the beholder's notice at every turn. Its president, J. M. Piazzek, Esq., is also at the head of other enterprises, here and elsewhere. The vice president, E. M. Hutchins, is one of the leading merchants in town. H. D. Butts, the accomplished cashier and secretary, is a native of Kansas, and obtained his education in this city and at Lawrence. For a long time he was agent here of the Santa Fé and Union Pacific Railroads, and his careful and painstaking habits, thus acquired, made him a valuable adjunct to the interests of the bank at its formation.

Padden Mercantile Co., Dry Goods, Hardware, Queensware.—This firm consists of Messrs. M. M. and F. J. Padden, and the premises they occupy are two-story brick, eligibly located on the main street, in the center of business. They have three adjoining stores, the first being a dry goods, ladies' furnishing, boot and shoe, under Mr. T. S. Blair, who is a native of Iowa and a 23 years' resident of Kansas. The second store is used as a stove and hardware ware-room, with a fine line of heating and cooking stoves, kitchen ware and house furnishing goods, and also everything in the way of shelf and builders' hardware. The third store, which is under the charge of Mr. E. S. Ames, a native of Illinois, is devoted to queensware, stationery, jewelry and sundries. In addition they carry all kinds of agricultural implements and farm machinery, making the Padden Mercantile Company headquarters for nearly everything desired by the builder, farmer or housekeeper. Besides this enterprise in Valley Falls, the firm has large mercantile interests at Superior, Neb., presided over by Mr. F. J. Padden, while Mr. M. M. Padden looks after the interests of the firm at this point.

Eli Evans, Fancy and Staple Grocery.—The commodious store occupied by Mr. Evans as a grocery, is filled with many customers at all hours of the day. Carrying a full line of the best brands of coffees, teas, sugars, and all kinds of canned goods, the purchaser is sure of obtaining fresh goods at Evans's. Born in Ohio, this gentleman many years was in the cattle business at Oskaloosa. In the war he served as lieutenant.

ant in a Kansas regiment. Since 1856 he has been located in Kansas, and for eight years traveled for a St. Joseph firm in boots and shoes. For four years he was in dry goods, but three years ago gave that up to go into his present business. The building is a two-story store, 25x85 feet. Three employes assist him. Mr. Evans is looked upon as sound and conservative, and enjoys among business men an unusual reputation, as he always pays spot cash for goods and discounts all bills. His residence in the fair grounds (which are owned by Mr. Evans and cost \$100 per acre) is elegant and complete. He also does much in loaning money, both in the city and county.

Coy, Hutchins & Co., Gents' Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods.—Since August, 1886, this firm has been known to the citizens of this county as leaders in their line. The latest styles can be found at this emporium, and prices are as low here as in Kansas City. Mr. Coy is a native of Ohio. Mr. Hutchins, senior, is a native of Vermont, and his son was born in Valley Falls. The stock carried runs \$15,000 at all seasons. Having a large store, 25x100 feet, in a two-story stone building, the stock can be seen at a glance, making it no trouble to either patron or proprietor. Mr. Hutchins, senior, was a member of the council, and also mayor, for several terms. This house is as popular in business circles as its owners are in social life.

R. K. McCartney, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—One of the leading men in this city is R. K. McCartney, dealer in real estate, both city and country, improved or unimproved; he also represents the strongest insurance companies of England and America, insuring against fire, cyclone and tornado. For twenty years he has been in this business, and is thoroughly versed in it, all losses sustained by any company he represents being settled without delay. Born in Ireland, coming to this country in 1836, for 27 years Mr. McCartney has been in this city. During the war he saw service in Ohio and Kansas with the Union forces. While superintendent of the public schools, from 1865 to 1869, the advancement made in the cause of education was plainly noticed. The temperance cause in him has a decided champion, he being a prominent Good Templar.

Dr. C. H. Gillman, Dentist.—Valley Falls has in Dr. C. H. Gillman a successful practitioner. His office is desirably located, easy of access, being equipped with all the latest devices. For those who desire complete sets of teeth, Dr. Gillman guarantees to fit all conformations of the gums, and give the mouth the same appearance as belongs to the natural teeth. The Doctor was born in Erie County, N. Y., and studied at Baltimore. A graduate of Milton College, he practiced medicine and dentistry in Wisconsin. During the war we find the Doctor serving for three months in the Union army. As a member

of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and A. O. U. W., his popularity is constantly on the increase.

Valley Falls Republican, George Harmon, Proprietor.—In the *Republican* this city has a well conducted paper. Republican in its political complexion, its columns are free from all immoral advertisements. Established in September, 1889, it has rapidly risen to have a circulation of 350 weekly. Mr. Harmon is a practical printer of ten years' experience, a native of Missouri; he is fully alive to the wants of the times. He also has a complete outfit for job printing, giving best work at reasonable prices. The career of the *Republican* has well begun, and will continue to prove successful.

Hillyer Hotel, R. D. Simpson, Proprietor.—The traveler to Valley Falls is fortunate in having the Hillyer House presided over by R. D. Simpson. It is located a block from the depot, in the center of town; is a two-story brick building, 132x92 feet. It has twenty-four sleeping rooms, new carpets and furniture, easy beds—suggestive of repose; the dining-room will seat eighty people; the parlors, halls, dining-room and office are lit by electricity; the office is 18x38; all the halls are nine feet wide, bath room 10x14, kitchen 14x20, wash room 8x14, and pantry 14x10, two sample rooms 16x20 and 12x20; the billiard room has three pool and two billiard tables, and a bar for summer drinks. Connected with the hotel is a large barn, fine stables, and other buildings. A force of eight hands is employed, and guests have proper attention. Colonel Simpson was born in Kentucky, in 1838, in Madison County. For a number of years he was freighting for the Government, to frontier forts, and saw many exciting scenes; for seventeen years he has been resident in Valley Falls, and for two in the hotel, ably assisted by his wife, who owns the property, and his son. Colonel Simpson has been twice married, his first wife was Miss Missouri A. Majors, daughter of Alexander Majors, of Russell, Majors & Waddell, who first started the pony express from St. Joseph to Salt Lake and California.

Dr. Frank Swallow. To be a thorough physician it is necessary that one be not only well read, but possessing the qualities of a good nurse, of a firm nerve, quick of perception to discern between real and fancied disorders, with the ability to prescribe for both. For a disciple of the healing art to be a success in any community, it is necessary for him to have the confidence of the people. One who has these qualities is Dr. Frank Swallow, who was born in Indiana in 1857. A student of Prof. Chas. E. Laning, of Chicago, he was fitted to take a high stand in the Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1884. Selecting Valley Falls, Kansas, as his future home, it was not long before the young doctor became prominent. Dr. Swallow in 1888 was elected, on the Republican ticket, to the Legislature, in a close district, his majority over his opponent being forty-eight. Upon appointment of Governor Humphrey he was made a member of the State Board of Health. He is medical director of the Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W., which office occupies much of his time. In 1889 he was elected a representative to the American Public Health Association, at New York City by the State Board of Health.

HOLTON.

In the spring of 1856, a small party of emigrants left the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to settle in Kansas, and contribute their influence in the early struggles toward making her a Free State. One day in May they arrived upon the spot where the City of Holton now stands. They saw a beautiful elevation of ground, sloping gently to Banner Creek on the south, and Elk Creek on the north, the two streams forming a junction on the east. As far as the eyesight could reach, the course of these streams was made visible by the dense growth of forest trees that flank them. Beyond them spread the prairies, as yet undisturbed by the plow. These early pioneers were impressed with the great beauty of the country, and then and there resolved to locate a town where Holton now stands. The Pro-Slavery troubles prevented them from remaining on the ground that year, but early in the following year the survey was made, and the first building erected. From that time to this Holton has steadily grown, until it now has three thousand of as enterprising people as can be found in the West. She has never had what is commonly known as a "boom," with its attendant inflation of prices and final collapse, but her growth has kept pace with the improvement of the country around. There has never been a decline in her real estate, but a steady advancement has brought to property owners each year a fair percentage upon their investment.

Holton is the county seat of Jackson County, and is located eighty miles northwest of Kansas City, on the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern Railroad; thirty miles north of Topeka, the capital of the State, on the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway; sixty miles south of St. Joseph, on the same line; fifty-six miles west of Leavenworth, on the Kansas Central. These three lines of railway give the city direct communication with such markets as Chicago and Kansas City, and make it particularly popular as a shipping point for the products of the country.

Education.—No town in Kansas, of its size, offers greater inducements than Holton to those who want to educate their children and rear them in a community free from the common vices of the larger cities. With no saloons, gambling or billiard halls, Holton's public schools and university are free to do their work. Holton has two large brick public school buildings, containing fourteen rooms, heated by steam, and supplied with all modern furniture and appliances. The board of education has exercised great care in the selection of teachers. The Central School building is supplied with a free library, containing nearly two thousand volumes. The deepest interest is felt among our people for the success of the public schools.

Campbell University is now one of the most popular institutions of learning in the State of Kansas.

Next in importance to our schools are the churches. The Methodists have a six thousand

dollar brick building. The Presbyterians have contracted for a ten thousand dollar structure, which will probably be erected this year. The Christian, Baptist, Catholic, German Presbyterian, German Evangelical and A. M. E. denominations all have comfortable edifices. The churches of Holton are all well attended, and are in a prosperous financial condition. They have been instrumental in causing a deep-seated feeling in favor of morality at Holton, and have given the city a good reputation throughout the country.

Nearly all the secret societies have flourishing organizations in Holton. The Masons and Odd Fellows own their own halls. The Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Grand Army of the Republic, Good Templars, Ancient Order United Workmen and American Woodmen are also in a flourishing condition.

Holton has a flouring mill, a tow mill, two cigar factories, a planing mill—and wants more. Among the manufacturing institutions that would do well here are: A canning factory, a buggy factory, a cheese factory, a mattress factory.

Nearly all our people own their own homes, "be it ever so humble." Many new and costly residences have been built in the past few years. One of the best investments for capital is in good houses to rent in Holton. They pay a sure and liberal interest, and are in constant demand.

Old wooden buildings that have answered the purposes of the past, are being replaced by commodious brick structures, and more building is now in prospect than ever before. Strangers find our improvements a subject for frequent comment.

The Topeka *Capital* speaks as follows of the enterprise of our people: "Holton's thirty years have not left it without enterprise. And it is further evidenced in other buildings, business blocks in the course of erection, the building of many handsome residences, the grading of streets, the proposition to soon construct water-works, and the intention to do as all progressive Kansas towns are doing—bore, bore for coal, bore for gas, bore for salt, or a hole through which to expeditiously shoot John Chinaman back to the land from whence he came."

Holton has four shoemakers, two stove stores, five banks, five barber shops, two lumber yards, eight dressmakers, seventeen lawyers, thirteen painters, two milk wagons, two harness shops, three livery stables, two grain elevators, a public bath house, seven stone masons, two hardware stores, eight carpenter shops, three millinery stores, a steam flouring mill, four meat markets, four blacksmith shops, two newspapers, two transfer companies, several real estate firms, seven insurance agents, one steam planing mill, six general stock stores, three job printing offices, two photograph galleries, two flour and feed stores, two broom manufactories, two sewing machine agents, one exclusive clothing store, four exclusive grocery stores, two wholesale cigar manufactories, two exclusive dry goods

houses, two large furniture establishments, two merchant tailoring establishments, several boarding houses, one auction store, two implement houses, two exclusive boot and shoe houses, three jewelry stores, one electric light plant, etc.

Holton is lighted by electricity.

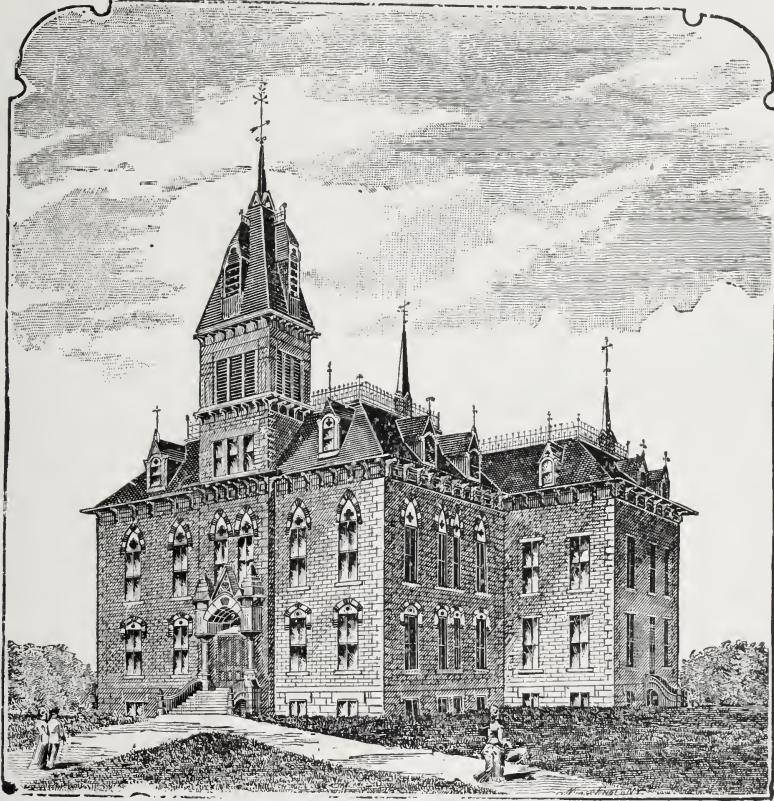
Residence lots sell in Holton at from \$40 to \$800, according to location. Business lots range in price from \$400 to \$5,000.

Improvements in Holton.—No town in Northern Kansas has improved as has Holton during the last twelve months; many beautiful new residences have been erected, a number of substantial business houses have been put up, and

models of prosperity. Nearly all of the walks are protected by fine rows of trees, which keep the sun from melting the back of the average pedestrian, and also add to the appearance of the town. (The above is compiled from Christman & Sargent's book.)

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HOLTON.

State Bank of Holton.—A true exponent of the thrift of Holton is the success and



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still more are contemplated. It is destined to be one of the nicest cities and best business points in the State.

The location of the town is all that could be desired from a business or residence point of view. The town is located on an elevated plateau, which slopes gently in all directions, furnishing the finest drainage to be had. The elevation commands a view for miles in any direction, and is one unsurpassed in point of beauty. Banner Creek skirts the town on the south, while Elk Creek does likewise on the north, the two forming a junction on the east side of town. The timber which fringes the banks is a great help to the beauty of the place.

The town has more, and it is safe to say better, miles of sidewalk than many of the Western towns which put themselves to the front as

degree of prosperity of this bank. Chartered Dec. 6th, 1888, and organized under the laws of the State, its capital being \$100,000. The bank is supplied with every convenience for business, and ranks as one of the great institutions of Jackson County. The president, John Q. Myers, was born in Virginia, and formerly was in the lumber business in Arkansas four years. E. E. Rafter, vice president, was born in New York State, and is a prominent lawyer. Mr. Alex. Dunn, Jr., cashier, was born in Manchester, England. He is an Odd Fellow, and is vice president of the First National Bank of Horton. He formerly was well known here in the dry goods and loan business. R. R. Chrisman, Jr., bookkeeper, was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He is a Mason, and has lived chiefly in Pittsburg, Pa. There are twenty-five stockholders, whose

names are a guaranty of a sound financial condition. Every possible precaution has been taken in this bank to make all who are interested—depositors or stockholders—as secure as possible.

Banking House of S. K. Linscott.—

One of the best conducted private banking houses in the West is that of S. K. Linscott. It has been established fifteen years. Possessing the ample capital of \$100,000, it can meet any demands made upon it. Mr. Linscott, the president, was born in Maine, has lived here eighteen years and has been a banker most of his life. He formerly was in mercantile business in Iowa. Mr. S. B. McGrew, cashier, is a native of Ohio, and is in every way qualified for his present position. The assistant cashier, W. K. Linscott, was born in Iowa, and has been in this bank two years. With the energy and business capacity of its officers, there is practically no limit to the business of the firm.

The Holton City Bank, of Drake & Taber, was organized in 1876. The handsome premises, which consist of an ornate, two-storied



brick structure, are eligibly located and fitted up in a manner eminently representative of modern elegance. The owners of the bank, Messrs. Drake & Taber, are natives of Ohio and New York, respectively, and are Masons, Odd Fellows and members of the G. A. R., having fought in the 11th Kansas Cavalry. Mr. Ira I. Taber, cashier, was formerly county and district clerk here, also superintendent of public instruction. He has lived here since 1858. Mr. Geo. W. Drake, assistant cashier, is one of the largest farmers and stockraisers in this section, and has resided here since 1860. Their bank is the county depository, and its responsibilities are from \$75,000 to \$125,000. These gentlemen are among the pioneer settlers of Jackson County, and have had a most prosperous career in life.

Campbell University.—Was founded in 1882 by the citizens of Holton, and has steadily advanced with the phenomenal growth of

the State. It is a handsome stone structure, built at a cost of \$40,000, half this amount being donated by Mr. Campbell, and the other half by the citizens of Holton. Six hundred pupils—boys and girls—were enrolled during the year. The University is a private establishment, dependent upon tuition fees. The ladies' hall is a separate building, built specially for them, with eighteen rooms. The dining-hall will seat sixty. There is a fine library. Everything is taught, specialties being classics, art, music, science, mathematics, modern languages, preparatory medical courses, commercial training, shorthand, penmanship, telegraphy, typewriting, bookkeeping, phonography, etc. The president, E. J. Hoenshel, born in Pennsylvania, has had twenty-five years' experience in teaching, chiefly in Illinois, also in Pennsylvania and Iowa. He took the degree of A. M., *pro merito*, in the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Ill., in 1877. He is professor of the classics and pedagogy. He is a man of superior ability, and justly enjoys the confidence of the university, over which he so ably presides. Campbell University is independent of church or state control. It is non-sectarian, yet Christian. It educates men and women for life. It is open to *ladies* and *gentlemen* above fourteen years of age, without other conditions. It stands before the people, who must judge of its merits.

Exchange Bank.—This representative local bank has been incorporated three years. The capital is \$30,000. Collections in this institution are made a specialty. From its start it has received a liberal patronage. The president, Mr. S. Newman, was born in Kentucky, and has been the head officer from the start, previous to which he was for twenty years here in the livery and brokerage business. W. A. Allen, cashier, came here from Michigan, and is also successfully engaged in real estate and insurance. J. R. Lasswell, assistant cashier, was born in Kansas, and received his education at the Lawrence Business College. He has had quite a large experience in the buying and selling of cattle, an industry that is pursued by so many in the State of Kansas.

Green, Chevis & Co., Hardware, Barb Wire, etc.—In this progressive age, with competition in all lines of business so energetic as to call into active exertion the best business talent, unceasing perseverance and indomitable energy are necessary to succeed. Such are Messrs. Green, Chevis & Co., who opened up 1st January, 1889. Their premises consist of a handsome building, 20x100 feet. No house carries a more ample stock or possesses better facilities for the transaction of business. Mr. Green was born in Jackson County, Kas. He formerly farmed in this State and was also in the general merchandise, at Larkin, Kas. Mr. Chevis was born in Nichols County, Ky. He is a Mason, and was formerly clerk here for five years. Mr. S. H. Scott, the third partner, was born in Indiana, and has been in the implement and hardware trade many years. This house makes a specialty of bulk field and garden seeds. They possess admirable business qualities and are eminently qualified to stand in the foremost ranks.

Naylor & Sarbach, Pharmacists.—One of the best-known drug houses in this section is that of Naylor & Sarbach, established March, 1885. The ample premises consist of a fine, two-storied frame building, 20x80 feet. In addition to drugs, special mention must be made of their large trade in school books and all standard works, novels, serials, monthlies, histories, and everything that is brought out by the best authors, American, French and English. The stock in books is three times that of any other in the county. In a room 20x20 is an immense stock of wall paper and a full line of all kinds and sizes of glass. The neatness pervading the establishment bespeaks the taste and business ability of the proprietors. Mr. Naylor was born in Ohio, and is an Odd Fellow, K. of P. and K. of H. He has had twenty-five years' experience in the business, seventeen in this city. Mr. Sarbach was born in Germany, and came to this country twenty-two years ago. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow. He formerly shipped stock three years from this place.

Keller & Noble, Attorneys and Counselors at Law.—These gentlemen have been together since January of 1885. Mr. Keller is one of the oldest attorneys in the town, having practiced here since 1866. A native of Ohio, he studied law under Powell & Wheat, of Peoria, Ill., and in 1860 was admitted to the bar at Ottawa, Illinois. He is an Odd Fellow. Mr. Noble was born in Illinois, and for seventeen years followed the vocation of a school teacher in Illinois and Kansas, afterwards reading law with J. H. Lowen, of this city; he was admitted to practice in 1880. He is also an Odd Fellow. This firm has the largest law library in the place, and the two rooms they occupy are pleasant and central. They do an extensive general practice, both in and out the county, and are among the luminaries of the Jackson County bar.

Jno. L. Williams, Insurance.—The insurance agent of the present day occupies an enviable position, for by his aid thousands of dollars are saved to many who can ill afford to lose. Mr. Williams represents six of the leading fire insurance companies, leading among which is the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, of New York. Mr. Williams has been agent since 1886, he is well known here as a physician, (now retired). He is a native of Ohio, a leading Odd Fellow, and is one of the city's oldest inhabitants. In addition to writing insurance, he is also interested in placing loans. Mr. Williams is also paying much attention to the procuring of pensions, in which line he is meeting with great success.

W. R. Fisher, Broker, Real Estate and Loan Agent and Auctioneer.—This responsible gentleman (with whom is R. R. Chrisman, Sr.) established nine years ago. He is a native of Ohio, and is a recognized authority on lands, city and county realty of every description. He attends to the negotiation of loans on land and mortgage, the collection of rents and general care of property, while as stock broker he is prepared to buy and sell on commission all marketable securities. Mr. Fisher is a Mason

and an Odd Fellow; also served in the war, in Company D of the 80th Ohio Infantry. He is a director of the City State Bank, being one of its organizers. He was a councilman one year. Mr. Fisher is the owner of the famous pacing horse, Scott Wilkes, which he purchased for \$1,700 from George Steer, Jr., of New Cumberland, Ohio; also importer of the Highetogue horse, now owned by George Sprague, of Netawaka.

R. B. Francis, Sheriff of Jackson County.—Possesses superior qualifications that adapt him to this office. A native of Ohio, he formerly was engaged in farming with success in this State. To facilitate his labors the services of a deputy are needed. He is a leading Mason, and in private life numbers as his friends all the law-abiding element of this and the surrounding counties.

Scott & Kunz, City Drug Store.—This representative store was founded in 1871, as Beck & Scott, the present firm being formed in February, 1889. The stock of drugs, chemicals, paints, oils, toilet articles, perfumeries, etc., is large for a city of greater size than Holton, and shows taste and judgment in the selection. The store is one of the city's attractions, is part brick and part stone, 20x80 feet in size, and two stories high. Mr. F. S. Scott was born in Indiana, and is both an Odd Fellow and K. of P. He has been in the business all his life. Wm. F. Kunz is a registered pharmacist of large experience, having been born in New York, and formerly lived for ten years at Waterville, Kas., where he was in the drug business. He has resided in Holton four and a half years. He is a Mason and a K. of P. They have an influential patronage, and still more success awaits them in the future.

Chas. Morris, General Merchandise.—A business which meets with deserved support is that of Chas. Morris, who is eligibly located on the east side of the Public Square, where he occupies an apartment 40x70 feet. He has been established fourteen years. Mr. Morris was born and educated in Switzerland, and has resided in Kansas twenty-four years; during the war he fought for the Union in the navy. A short time since Mr. Morris built one of the handsomest residences in the State, at a cost of over \$10,000—a great ornament to Holton; finished in hard wood, and with the conveniences of hot and cold water all over the house, electric bells and heated by steam. Mr. Morris is a clear-headed man, held in high esteem for his strict personal worth.

Gleason & Co., General Merchandise.—This prominent firm, established in 1888, carry a stock of the best goods, at moderate prices. Four hands are employed, and the premises consist of a two-story brick building, 22x'00. Mr. W. B. Gleason, and his son, W. S., are natives of Pennsylvania; the former has been over forty years in the business; he was in the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1872; the latter has also been in the business all his life, and is an Odd Fellow. From the first they have done a heavy trade, which continues and increases with each succeeding year.

Williams & Webster, Real Estate and Insurance Agents.—Abstracters and examiners of titles, notary public and conveyancers. Are a firm whose reputation in their particular line of business is second to none, in the amount of business done or the standing they have obtained by reason of the success acquired since their introduction into the business interests of Holton, in July, 1888. Mr. Williams is well known to the citizens of Holton, and was deputy sheriff and sheriff four years. Born in Ohio, he served through the war in the 11th and 17th Kansas Infantry. He is a Mason, K. of H., K. of P. and a member of the G. A. R. As one of the finest abstracters in the county Mr. Webster is equally well known among real estate dealers for his accuracy, having been register of deeds four years. A Native of Indiana, and a member of the A. O. U. W., he was many years a teacher in the public schools. They have a strong line of insurance companies, make easy loans at low rate, solicit and answer all correspondence promptly.

Heneks & Wheeland, Proprietors of Holton City Roller Mills.—Special mention must be made of the firm that has lately (1889) come into possession of the Holton Roller Mills, succeeding Wuertth & Son. The mill is a two-story frame building, with capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour per day, and employs four to six hands. The products of these mills have gained an enviable reputation, being the result of modern processes, combined with business facilities and a skill that comes only from a lifetime spent in the one pursuit, such being the case with both members of the firm. Joseph Heneks was born in Pennsylvania, and prior to coming to Holton had been in the same business, both at St. Joseph and in this State. Augustus Wheeland is also a miller by trade, and was born in Barr, Alsace, eighteen miles from Strassburg. Since these gentlemen have taken hold of this mill its capacity has been increased twenty-five barrels a day.

Craig & Achenbach, Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Buggies, etc.—Such firms as this give tone and standing to any city. They started in 1889, and occupy a two-story brick, 20x80 feet, stocked with the latest devices for simplifying and saving the farmer's work. A call upon these gentlemen, if for no other purpose than to keep abreast of the times in the knowledge of what is being done in the way of improvements in farm machinery, would prove of great value. Mr. Craig, who is a blacksmith by trade, was born in Pennsylvania, and belongs to the Masonic, Odd Fellows, K. of P. and A. O. U. W. organizations. Mr. Achenbach carries on a large farm, and is the owner of much fine live stock. He is also a Pennsylvanian, and a member of the Masonic, K. of P., Modern Woodmen and A. O. U. W. societies.

Drs. Smyth & Hill, Homeopathic Physicians and Surgeons.—The homeopathic practice of medicine has converted to its ranks some of the greatest talent of our day, an example of which is seen in this strong combination of Smyth & Hill, formed two years ago. Dr. Smyth is a native of Ohio, and graduated from the

Cleveland Homeopathic College at Cleveland. He studied with Dr. Herrick, of Mansfield, Ohio. He has been practicing for twenty years. Dr. Hill was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated also from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. He studied with Dr. Snider, the eminent surgeon of Cleveland. He has practiced here two years, having formerly practiced in Michigan and Pennsylvania. Drs. Smyth and Hill are genial and generous gentlemen, protectors of the rights of, promoters of the welfare of, and in deep sympathy with humanity.

W. R. Ireland, Photographer.—The photographic parlors of W. R. Ireland, successor to Oaks & Ireland, form one of the attractive places of Holton. Mr. Ireland's studio is a treat for those who are inclined to call to mind the differences between the daguerreotype of thirty years ago, the silhouette of the time of our grandfathers, and the photographer's art of to-day. Mr. Ireland, a native of Canada, came to America twenty-six years ago, and in 1883 established his present place of business, which he owns, consisting of a two-story frame building, 30x50 feet, arranged in every respect under his personal supervision. The photographs taken by this artist have an individuality peculiarly his own, which, by the delicacy of their tone and finish, stamp him as one of Kansas's leading artists. Mr. Ireland is a member of the recently organized order of Modern Woodmen, and has the confidence of business men, and the community at large.

Williams & Wenner, Hardware and Fence Wire.—Enjoying the reputation of being one of the oldest houses in Holton, Williams & Wenner stand deservedly high among the business element of the city. Established thirty years ago—in 1869, dealing in the best goods and carrying an exceedingly large line of standard articles, their store is regarded as headquarters. The building occupied is a two-story frame, 18½x79 feet, literally filled from floor to ceiling. Mr. Williams was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and is by trade a carpenter; served in the war with the 15th Ohio Inf., and is a Mason and member of the G. A. R. Mr. Wenner is a native of Loudon County, Va., and for many years was in the dry goods and grocery business in Maryland and Virginia. Besides a large local trade they do considerable wholesaling to the surrounding counties.

Holton Weekly Signal.—Is a live paper which has done much to bring this city into the proud position it now holds. It dates back to 1878, and under the ownership of W. W. Sargent has had a most prosperous career. Democratic in politics, its opinions command weight. It has a circulation of about 1200; it calls for the constant service of four reporters and printers. Few papers evince such enterprise as this inasmuch as it employs electricity as a motor to furnish the one-horse power dynamo with which the two presses are run. Mr. Sargent takes the editorial and business management, and is well able to do it, for he has followed newspaper work all his life. He is a native of Ohio, and during his residence in the West has become thoroughly imbued with its greatness. He is

like all popular journalists an influential social factor, Odd Fellow, Modern Woodman, K. of P., etc.

J. A. Scott, Implements, Farm and Spring Wagons, Buggies, and Field Seeds.—This well-known house was founded in 1871. The premises consist of a brick building, three stories, 20x80 feet, the stock being large, comprehensive and complete. Two hands are regularly employed. Mr. Scott was born in Indiana, and is a Mason, a member of the K. of H. and of the G. A. R., having fought in the 18th Indiana Battery. He was formerly in the general merchandise business for many years. By well-directed management he has reared an eminently prosperous business, and become a representative local merchant in his line.

A. W. Davis, Dentist.—Kansas is fortunate in having received a great deal of dental talent, carefully trained in the East. Dr. Davis is a native of Ohio; studied and practiced under his father, a dentist of prominence, and has been ten years on his own account. He has been here in Holton six years, and has a large business, his patients not being alone from this county but from all over Eastern Kansas. He occupies an elegant suite of apartments, well divided into four rooms. They are furnished with comfortable lounges, modern operating chairs, and the newest appliances for laboratory work. He makes a specialty of fine work, and is ably assisted by an experienced dentist. Dr. Davis is a member of the State Dental Association, K. of P., and a progressive factor for Holton.

Armell Brothers, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.—This well-known house was established April 1, 1886. Both of the brothers are practical men, their knowledge of the business covering a period of nine years combined. With an attractive stock of all the finer grades, they can suit the most fastidious purchaser. In silver and nickel, they can suit any person's taste, while the stock of silverware is of the very best American and foreign manufacture. Their store is in a two-story frame building, 20x40, where the stock is well displayed. L. E. Armell is a native of Pennsylvania, an I. O. O. F. and M. W. I. O. Armell is a native of the same State, and belongs to the K. of P. and M. W. This firm is one of the best in the State, and any assurances they make can be relied upon.

Taylor & Davis, Loans, Abstract, Insurance and Conveyancing Office.—This firm are headquarters in their line, and will make loans on improved farms and first-class city property, for a long or short time. They have many choice properties for sale, and parties at a distance will be attended to as if the would-be purchaser or seller were present. Both members of this firm have, by their extensive operations in the two years they have been associated, made many friends by the attention and pains taken with their customers. Mr. Taylor is by birth an Indianian, and has held the position of assistant register of deeds. Mr. Davis was born in Indiana, and during the war was a captain in the 66th Indiana Reg't, and an intimate friend, both during and after the war, of the late Gen. John A. Logan; was elected in 1872 a member of the

State Legislature, representing Piatt and Champaign Counties, Ill., for two terms; he was elected a State Senator of Illinois for four years from 1876.

Berridge & Perkins, North Side Meat Market.—This prosperous enterprise was established July 1, 1887. Two hands are regularly employed. The store occupies a space of 20x40 feet in extent. Mr. Berridge was born in England, and came to America when a boy. He is a Freemason. Mr. Perkins is a native of Illinois, and is also a Mason. They are thoroughly active in promoting the industrial development of this community, while their knowledge of their vocation enables them to meet the requirements of an extensive patronage.

City Hotel.—Foremost among the hotels in this section is the City Hotel, established 2nd of March, 1872. It is a two-story frame build-



ing. The sleeping apartments are twenty in number. Seven hands are employed. There are first-class sample rooms. The seating capacity in the dining-room is twenty-two. The whole house is lighted with electric lights. Wm. Teer, the proprietor, is a native of New York State. He is a Mason and a G. A. R., having served meritoriously three years in the 98th Ohio Infantry. He was three years a tailor in this city. His geniality and enterprise easily account for his popularity.

H. M. Stewart, Of the Checkered-Front Grocery.—This ably-conducted store was established in 1887, and has succeeded, owing to the choice variety and high grade of the goods carried, and the low prices at which they are sold. The premises consist of a two-storied brick building, fronting 25 feet on the public square, 95 feet in depth, with an "L" on Fifth Avenue. The store is one of the handsomest in the city, being Mr. Stewart's own property. The stock includes teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, provisions, jellies, cigars, tobacco, etc., queensware, wooden and willow ware. A racket department, lately added, forms a very attractive feature of this store. Mr. Stewart was born at Harrisburg, Pa., is a Mason, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., M. W., K. of P., and belongs to the R. A. He was in the Government service three years at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Frank M. Davis, Resident Dentist.—Among the professional men of Holton, none stand higher than Dr. Frank M. Davis. His handsome apartments occupy two elegantly fitted up rooms in the Linscott's Bank Block. Besides being a successful dentist the doctor is a musician of much talent, having been educated in various schools of music. He for a long time taught the Divine Art in Illinois. A native of Pennsylvania. He studied with Chas. Flower, of Chicago, and W. D. Mullen, of Pennsylvania. Off and on Doctor Davis has practiced dentistry since 1866, and for eight years has been located in this city. In the recent Civil War he was a member of the famous 7th Missouri Cavalry. He is a member of the G. A. R.

T. C. McConnell, Pianos, Organs and all Kinds of Musical Merchandise.—A single glance



T. C. M'CONNELL.

at the stock of T. C. McConnell will convince the most sceptical that Holton and her surroundings are a music-loving people. Here may be found anything from a Jew's harp to a Haines Bros. piano or a Kimball organ, in fact the largest stock of musical ware in the county. Mr. McConnell was born in Belmont County, Ohio, and after leaving his native State farmed in Missouri. He found music more suited to his taste, however, and started his present business in August, 1880. He occupies a large two-story structure, 20x60 feet. Two clerks furnish assistance. He offers direct from the factory, on terms to suit the purchaser, selling wholesale or retail.

Hamble Brothers, Attorneys at Law.—Are rising young men who never lose a chance to score a success. They have made good use of their opportunities, so that to-day they stand with those who have had twice the experience. P. J. Hamble was born in Hamilton County, Ind.; studied at Ann Arbor University, being admitted January 17th, 1886. Mr. C. B. Hamble is a graduate of the law school at Ann Arbor; was born in Indiana, and admitted to the bar at the same time as his brother. P. J. belongs to the I. O. O. F. and M. W., and Mr. C. B. is a member of the Woodmen, the Masonic orders and the K. of P's. In addition to their law office in Holton they also have one at Valley Falls, which greatly enlarges their facilities for the increasing practice they enjoy.

Pacific House, Mrs. B. Haist, Proprietress, and Dealer in Groceries and Provisions.—One of the most popular houses and provision stores in Holton is that known as the Pacific House, of which Mrs. B. Haist is proprietress. She has been established ten years. The rates at her hostelry are one dollar per day. There are thirteen bedrooms in the house, appropriately furnished. Mrs. Haist also has a fine stock of jellies, teas, coffees, sugars and other staple and fancy groceries. The store consists of a two-story frame structure, 30x60 feet. The facilities of Mrs. Haist, who is a native of Germany, for transacting business, are of an unusually complete character, enabling her to offer special advantages to customers.

Stauffer & White, Butchers.—An important enterprise is that of Stauffer & White, established two years. The premises are 18x40 feet, and arranged with every facility. All meats coming from this house have a name for purity and freshness. Their store is on the east side of Public Square. Mr. Stauffer was born in Pennsylvania. He is a Modern Woodman, and has been in the business nine years. Mr. White was born in Ohio, and was successfully engaged in the saw-mill business in that State. They are known as gentlemen, thoroughly conversant with the details of their business.

J. G. Elliott & Co., Dealers in Grain, Seeds and Coal.—A leading industry in this city is found in the firm of J. G. Elliott & Co., consisting of J. G. Elliott and A. D. Walker. They have been established three years. A large frame and iron elevator is owned by this firm for the storage of grain, and this, with two warehouses, are situated on the Kansas Central and Northwestern Railroads. Their coal sheds are on the C. K. & N. R. R. and K. C. The warehouses have an average size of 25x50 feet, and the coal sheds are 16x100. These gentlemen have one of the best equipped business interests in this section of the State. Mr. Elliott formerly farmed in Kansas and Ohio, but has had a four years' acquaintance in this business, while Mr. Walker's experience has been similar.

SENECA.

NEMAHA COUNTY.

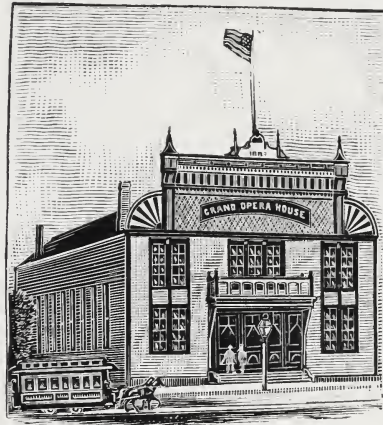
WHAT we have said of the resources and advantages of Northern Kansas as an agricultural, manufacturing and stockraising country, the beauties of its climate and general attractions to those who would wish to live a healthy, happy and prosperous life, applies pre-eminently to Nemaha, one of the most substantial and best settled counties in the State. Without repeating ourselves here, and without detracting from the truth of what we have said concerning some other rich counties, we will note the fact that Nemaha was the banner county of the State in 1888. The county was organized in 1855, and, having been settled up by a careful class of business men and intelligent farmers, it has risen to be, in every respect, one of the leading counties of the State. Pure water and timber is abundant, and choice building rock is quarried in many parts of the county. The soil is unsurpassed, and though from time to time drouth has visited many parts of the State, Nemaha has given an abundant crop of all kinds of grain, and stock shipments have steadily increased. Nemaha presents the remarkable phenomenon of being out of debt. Her school district debt is ten thousand dollars, the least of any county in the State. The county is essentially an agricultural one, the county seat, Seneca, containing but eleven per cent of the population. The general surface is a gently rolling prairie, no waste or uncultivated land. There are no lands for homestead or pre-emption, nor is there any railroad lands for sale. Comfortable farm houses and substantial barns are to be seen everywhere. In cold weather there is plenty of room for housing the stock, and few Nemaha County farmers leave implements and machinery in the open air when not in use. The leading products of the county in order of their value, are: Cattle, horses, corn, oats, milch cows, hogs, hay, potatoes, mules, butter, flax, wheat and millet. Superior qualities of bituminous coal are found. Farm land is valued at from twenty dollars to fifty dollars per acre. Residence property in the towns runs about one hundred dollars per lot. In Seneca the highest priced corner business lots (44x132) are valued at six thousand dollars.

Kansas carried off the honors at the Centennial Exposition for fruits, and Nemaha took a blue ribbon. Apples are never a failure here; grapes, strawberries and raspberries are a sure crop.

SENECA,

The county seat of Nemaha County, is favorably situated on high rolling prairie, surrounded on all sides by well cultivated farms and pleasant groves, those on the east being separated from it by the gentle current of the Nemaha, whose banks are fringed with a goodly growth of natural timber and whose waters serve to render yet more picturesque its beauty and that of its surroundings. It is at the junction of the

St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad with the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern Railroad. The ground on which Seneca is located seems to have been ordered and constructed by a beneficent Providence solely for the location of a great metropolitan city. It slopes gently, and the natural drainage is simply perfect; every dwelling can have a dry cellar and good cistern, advantages possessed so extensively by but few cities in a comparatively level country. The town offers great inducements for manufacturers, in point of locality, cheap lots, lands, coal, plenty of water and transportation of the best. While nearly all of Kansas is suffering



GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

from poor crops and inflated values of two or three years ago, Seneca has gone on steadily advancing, crops being good and the farmers and merchants being intelligent, careful and reliable. The city is well built, has many handsome residences with the ground surrounding ornamented with shade trees and shrubbery, giving a homelike and finished appearance to the town that is rare in new States. The business portion is built up like a city four times its size.

The town was laid off in 1857, the first house being double, made of logs and occupied as a hotel and grocery. The town continued to grow all through the Civil War, and in 1865 had 301 inhabitants. In 1870 came the railroad, and from that time to the present immigration has steadily flowed in till she now has a thriving population of about 2,500. The city was incorporated in 1871, and later organized as a second-class city. It has all the leading church denominations represented, including Catholic and Universalist Churches. Masons, Knights of Pythias, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Workmen, Templars, Library and Cemetery Associations, Fire Department, Commercial Club, Militia, Light Artillery Company, Band, Orchestra, Board of Trade, etc., are represented. The

eleven banks of Nemaha County are headed by The First National of Seneca, the financial bulwark of the county.

The city has a fine court house, jail and poor house, all paid for; also the finest school house in Kansas. Iron bridges span all the larger streams in the county, and these are paid for also. The fair grounds, the pride of her citizens, form a beautiful level stretch of forty acres, studded with trees and carpeted by a mat of heavy tame grass. The trotting track is a half-mile in extent. Seneca is blessed with three elegant school buildings, attended by about six hundred pupils, and taught by fifteen competent teachers.

WHAT SENECA HAS.

One machine shop and foundry, two wagon factories, two calf-weaner factories, one boot-blackening factory, one listed corn cultivator factory, one creamery, one cigar factory, one carriage factory, one brick-kiln, one knitting factory, two steam feed mills, two marble goods factories, one broom factory. Seneca has not been overdone nor boomed. Her real estate values are based on their real worth and not on wind or artificially inflated and feverish, speculative demands founded on imaginative possibilities. She has the resources, and her citizens cordially invite sober, industrious immigrants to come and help develop them.

WHAT SENECA NEEDS.

A steam cracker factory, a fruit canning factory, a candy factory, a flouring mill, a corn starch factory, a cucumber pickle factory, a vinegar factory, a vegetable canning factory, a pork packing house, an oatmeal mill an overall factory, an electric light system, an agricultural implement factory, a tannery, a linseed oil mill, a hominy mill, a plow and harrow factory, a wind mill factory, a pump factory, a flax and tow mill, a carriage factory, a foundry and machine shops, a cigar factory, a soap factory, a brick kiln, a lime kiln, a wagon factory, a cotton factory, a wire nail factory, a watch factory, a barb wire factory, a cultivator factory, a clothing factory, a corn planter factory, a water works system, a cheese factory.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF SENECA.

C. G. Scrafford.—This gentleman is one of the gallant band of pioneers who first settled in Kansas, and were the factors in her unprecedented growth, progress and prosperity. He was born in Albany County, N. Y., on January 28, 1829, and raised in Bellevue, Ohio, and first located in Kansas, near Osawatimie, in the spring of 1856. He afterward located at White Cloud, and built the first hotel building at that place. In March, 1859, he came to Nemaha County and assisted to survey the town site of Seneca, and was one of four who entered the plat with the Government. He then opened the first general store in the town, and from that time to the present, his activity and public spirit have contributed largely to the substantial growth of this city. He afterward engaged in

the banking business, and with Mr. Lappen established the first bank in Seneca, it being the predecessor of the First National Bank. He was recently cashier of the State Bank of Summerfield, this State, until it was gotten on a prosperous basis. Mr. Scrafford was the first mayor of the city. He was county treasurer for two years, and a member of the first board of directors of the K. C. W. & N. R. R. He is so closely identified with the history of Seneca, in both public and business life, that it would be impossible to recognize Seneca in a review of it, without the name of Scrafford. He has always been erecting buildings or planning improvements for the benefit of the city. He built the finest residence in the city, at a cost of \$11,000. He has erected several business blocks, among them the opera house, and is now having constructed, with Mr. Gilchrist, a \$20,000 hotel building. He also has a ranch of three sections of land in Southwestern Kansas, on the Santa Fé Ry., on which he conducts large stock-raising interests. The present prosperous condition of Seneca to-day is due, in a great measure, to the efforts of Mr. Scrafford.

Emery & Thompson, Attorneys and Counselors at Law.—This firm is one of the best known in the State, and is a credit to the bar. Mr. Emery, born April 23, 1854, is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1875. He studied law with Mr. Simon Conwell, of this city. He has risen steadily from his earliest days to his present position. In his early days he taught school in his native State. He commenced the practice of law here in 1877. His first experience in public life was as county attorney, which position he filled for six years. He was elected State Senator in 1898. In the Senate he was a member of the judiciary committee, and chairman of the committee on county seats and lines. His reputation for honesty in public affairs, devotion to public interests, and eminent capability, has been steadily increasing with his constituents, and it is evident that they will not rest satisfied until they have placed him in higher public position. His popularity is built on sound foundations. Mr. Thompson is a native of Ohio, and has lived in Seneca ten years. After a thorough preparatory course of study with Mr. Emery he was called to the bar in 1896.

Wells & Wells, Lawyers.—The firm of Wells & Wells stands in the front rank of the Kansas bar, and commands a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Abijah Wells is a native of Pennsylvania, and received a liberal education in Illinois. He is one of the old settlers, having located in Nemaha County in 1856. He was admitted to the bar in 1866, and soon attained a leading position in the profession. He has held the different positions of clerk of the district court, register of deeds, superintendent of public instruction, and twice mayor of the city. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Masons. His son, Mr. Frank Wells, is a native of this State, and studied law with his father and Mr. Simon Conwell. He afterward took a course in the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1887. He is a Mason, and secretary of the Commercial Club of Seneca.

They occupy handsome offices in the Kennard and Vickers block.

J. P. Taylor, Attorney at Law and Real Estate.—Mr. Taylor is a native of Illinois, and studied law in his native State with Judge Thompson. He was admitted in 1864. He is now devoting his entire time to his prosperous real estate and loan business. He has for sale agricultural lands, desirably located city business and residential property, vacant lots and suburban lands. We recommend all desiring real estate to call on Mr. Taylor, as they will find themselves transacting business with one of the honorable and favorably known men in Seneca.

Joshua Mitchell, Attorney at Law.—Among the men who give strength to the Seneca bar is Joshua Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Maine. He studied law with Mr. J. E. Taylor, of Seneca, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He has steadily built up a good business. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and G. A. R. Mr. Mitchell served honorably ten years as county clerk of Nemaha County.

C. H. Stewart, Attorney at Law.—Is a native of Michigan and studied law with the present District Judge Basset. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, and has lived in Nemaha County twenty-one years, and twelve in the city. He has, by his judgment, ingratiated himself into the confidence of a large clientage in this portion of Kansas. He is considered one of the most trustworthy of men, and as one lending strength and importance to the bar.

E. L. Miller, Law, Real Estate and Insurance.—This enterprising gentleman commenced business here in the fall of 1887. He represents the well-known insurance companies: Union, German-American, Aetna, Phoenix of Hartford, and the North America. He buys and sells real estate, makes abstracts and pays taxes. He has for sale much of the finest land in the county, well timbered and watered. Mr. M. is a native of North Carolina, and an experienced attorney. He studied law with Holt & Butler, of New York, and graduated from Columbia College, being admitted to the bar in May, 1888. He is city attorney. He has superior literary talent, and for some time edited the monthly military magazine, *Ours*, published in New York. He is a member of the K. P. He is looked upon as reliable and attentive to any interests placed in his care.

G. W. Williams, Hardware.—The great house of G. W. Williams is one of the solid pillars of Seneca. It is well located in the center of the city. It is stocked with the best grades of goods in this line, both shelf and heavy hardware, offered at low prices. Mr. Williams's unlimited capital enables him to buy in large lots, direct from manufacturers. A competent force of clerks assists him to attend to the wants of a numerous custom. Mr. Williams is one of the capitalists of Nemaha County, is an old settler, president of the First National Bank, the largest dealer in live stock in Northern Kansas, and prominent in all local enterprises which tend to advance the best interests of the city.

First National Bank.—The leading position of the First National Bank of Seneca among the moneyed institutions of Northeastern Kansas calls for special notice. The Bank sprung into existence New Year's, 1870, but the present managers came into control in 1874, since which time the volume of business has increased until new quarters were necessary, and last year the Bank moved from the building occupied since 1870 into their elegant new building represented herewith. This building was wholly paid for in advance by the stockholders, from plans furnished by J. G. Haskell, of Topeka. The total business of the Bank, as shown by the Comptroller's last report, for 1889, was \$263,126, loans being \$200,127 and deposits \$173,998. The bank is managed by a board of directors well known in Nemaha County. President George W. Williams is a hardware merchant, and the largest dealer in live stock in Northern Kansas; Vice President Leopold Cohen is the



JNO. G. HASKELL ARCHT.

well known dry goods merchant; Cashier Western E. Wilkinson, a native of Michigan, has lived in Kansas since 1870, was formerly proprietor of the *Seneca Weekly Courier*, and is acknowledged the best acquainted man in the county. The other directors are Messrs. Willis Brown, a banker at Lawrence, Simon Conwell, the well known lawyer, Robert E. Nelson, treasurer of Nemaha County, now a prosperous merchant, and William H. Smith, a thrifty farmer.

Anderson & Anderson, Homeopathic Physicians and Surgeons.—This firm is composed of G. H. Anderson, M. D., and his wife, Alice Anderson, M. D. They are homeopathic physicians and surgeons, and can be found at their desirably located offices, over the Scoville Bank, at all reasonable hours. Dr. G. H. Anderson graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Chicago, and also studied medicine with M. B. Smyth, M. D., of Holton, Kas. He is a native of West Virginia, is a prominent member of the Modern Woodmen, and is treasurer of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Kansas. Dr. Alice Anderson is a native of New York State, and is also a graduate of the Homeopathic Medical College of Chicago. She studied medicine with Dr. Gifford, of Rome, N. Y., and has gained a special reputation for herself. Drs.

Anderson located in Seneca three years ago, and have obtained a large and lucrative practice.

S. E. Johnston, Surgeon Dentist.—Seneca has reason to be proud of her representatives of the dental profession. Dr. Johnston has practiced here since 1883, and has secured a permanent patronage. He has always been a careful student, and the result is seen in the perfect work performed by him. He is a native of Minnesota. He studied dentistry with Samuel Murdock, in Northeastern Missouri. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the A. O. U. W.

Cameron House.—The Cameron House was taken by its present popular proprietress, Mrs. C. A. Haggard, in 1882, it originally having been established, 29 years ago, by Mr. Tugram, as a stage stopping-place on the overland route to California. This house is one of the most comfortable in the State. It contains twenty large bedrooms, and the dining-hall will seat fifty at a time. The hotel is a fine brick structure, two stories, and 22x140 feet, with an L 20x40. Four hands are regularly employed. A free omnibus meets all trains. Commercial trade is solicited. Mrs. Haggard is a native of Cornwall, England, and a model business woman of whom any community would feel proud. The hotel was always, before she took it, under mortgage.

Commercial House, G. H. Rohenkohl, Proprietor.—The location of this hotel is the most eligible in the city, being only one block west of the post office. It is a conspicuous building, built of brick, two stories, and 50x100 feet. The house is lighted with gas. There are eighteen sleeping rooms. The dining-hall has a seating capacity for forty, while the *cuisine* is not equalled in the city. Seven employés attend to the wants of the patrons, and every comfort for the guests is supplied. Mr. Rohenkohl is a native of Iowa, and has been running the hotel since 1884, having formerly clerked here, his grand success being due to his universal courtesy and genial attention to his guests.

G. A. Marvin, Boots and Shoes, and General Merchandise; also Superintendent of Marvin Weaner.—Business was established in 1881, and is probably the leading concern in its line of mercantile enterprise. The store room is 20x40 feet. A comprehensive line of everything in the way of general merchandise is carried, a specialty being made of fine boots and shoes. Mr. Marvin is a native of New Jersey, and was raised in Pennsylvania. He has resided in this city nine years. He is superintendent of the Marvin Calf Weaner Company, the factory being located in the rear of his boot and shoe establishment. He makes a specialty of manufacturing the "Eureka" and "Perfect" Weaners; also bed springs. He is serving his third year as police judge. He was formerly the proprietor of the Keystone Barbed Wire Works, of this city.

Opera House Grocery, P. J. Assenmacher.—This, the leading business of its kind in Seneca, was established in 1889, Mr. A. having at once obtained a name for generous and fair dealing. The commodious room is located

in the Opera House Block, of which Mr. A. is proprietor. This is a handsome structure, made of brick, two stories, and 44x90 feet, with ceilings 18 feet high. It is the leading place of amusement in the city. The stock carried includes the finest line of staple and fancy groceries and the best brands of flour. Mr. A. avails himself of the assistance of B. D. Graham. Mr. Assenmacher is a native of Prussia, and came to this country in 1854, residing at different times in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin and Missouri, finally locating in this county and State twenty-three years ago. Mr. A. was also the proprietor of the old Commercial House, which occupied the present site of the Kennard and Vickers Block; also owns other business blocks in the city.

Dr. H. F. Davis, Dentist.—This gentleman, who has recently located in Seneca, is a native of Kentucky, and first located in Kansas at Ness City, where he practiced a year before removing to this city. He has commodious rooms in the Kennard and Vicker's Block, where he is prepared for all kinds of dental work. He uses for the painless extraction of teeth "vitalized air," which agrees with all constitutions. He makes a specialty of gold crown with porcelain fronts, and fine gold metallic and soft fillings.

Cunnick & Mathews, Real Estate Brokers, Law, Loans, Insurance, and Collections.—This firm is regarded among the foremost and most enterprising in Seneca. It was established in 1889, and has acquired a very large sale and exchange list. They guarantee to loan money cheaper than anyone else, and on choice farm property will furnish any amount. They have fine farm, uncultivated land, residence and business property for sale. They will exchange stock or land for Western land. Mr. Cunnick is the county attorney. Mr. Mathews was born in Ohio, and has been a resident of Nemaha County twenty years. Since 1871 he has served continuously as county surveyor, with the exception of one term, when he was deputy. That they are both gentlemen of high character is shown in their retention in a public capacity.

Settle & Keith, Lumber, Building and Plastering Material.—This extensive enterprise was established in 1882. Business is transacted in the territory tributary to Seneca, and is one of the largest of its kind in the State. Mr. Settle is a native of Kentucky, and located in this county in 1876. He has been city councilman for several years, and is vice president of the State Bank of Seneca. Through good management this firm has developed an influential connection, while their reputation is of the most enviable character.

E. Campfield, Probate Judge.—This gentleman first cast his fortunes with Nemaha County in 1859; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1873, having since been engaged in active practice in this county. He first assumed the duties of his present position October 5, 1888. His office is a peculiarly responsible one, because of the interests of the widows and orphans entrusted to his care; the Judge is especially qualified for these duties, because of his integ-

ity. He formerly held public positions in Wetmore as its mayor and police judge. He belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of nineteen years' standing, and having attained to all the degrees in the chapter and commandery.

J. H. Hatch, Lumber.

J. E. Taylor, Attorney.—Is a native of Illinois, and studied law with W. H. Neece, of Macomb, Ill., being admitted to the bar in that city in September, 1863. He has practiced in Seneca twenty-five years, and has gained a wide reputation. His offices are located in the Post Office Block, and his business necessitates the employment of a stenographer. He is one of the city's active men, and gives strength to the Seneca bar.

L. Johnson & Co., Furniture and Undertaking.—This firm succeeded to the business of Mack & Anderson, in January, 1889. Their building is 22x112 feet, and has every accommodation for displaying the varied stock of furniture and window shades. A specialty is made of undertaking, for which they have new hearses. Mr. Johnson is a native of Iowa, came to this county in 1860, and was formerly engaged in manufacturing wagons and cabinets. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

J. H. Walters, Register of Deeds.—J. H. Walters was born in Illinois, and received a thorough education in that State. He graduated in the Rock River Seminary, and for several years engaged in educational work. He has resided in this county eleven years, and by his strict integrity, courtesy and capability, has won the confidence of the citizens. He is now serving his second term in this office. He has competent assistance, and all business coming into the office receives careful attention.

J. J. McCray, County Superintendent of Public Instruction.—Kansas is justly proud of her excellent school system, which has no superior in the country. Mr. J. J. McCray is well equipped for his office, having taken a three years' course in Spiceland Academy and Normal School. He has had sixteen years' experience in teaching, has a high idea of the responsibilities of his duties, and well attends to every detail. He is a native of Indiana, and has resided for ten years in this county, being thoroughly in sympathy with all of its interests. He is a member of the K. of P. and a valuable citizen.

Leopold Cohen, Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Etc., Northwest Corner Main and Duane Streets.—This house occupies a handsome two-story building, with cellar 26x100 feet. The stock embraces staple and fancy dry goods, clothing, notions, boots, shoes, carpets, oil cloths, millinery, etc. The second floor is used for clothing, carpets and oil cloths, and seven competent assistants are employed. Mr. Cohen is a native of England, and came to America in 1854. He has always been in the dry goods business, and established here in 1867.

Jordan Bros., Publishers of *The Tribune*.—In this thriving journal Nemaha County has a worthy representative in the newspaper world.

The Tribune began its career in April, 1878, and now reaches a circulation of 1,300 weekly, carrying to its readers all the local news, as well as plenty of advertising matter. Employment is given to four hands, and a large business is done in job work. This newspaper is strictly Republican, and is the official journal of Nemaha County and the City of Seneca. Messrs. W. H. and G. F. Jordan are gentlemen well suited to the business.

Jas. H. Gleason, Clerk of District Court.—One of the most whole-souled of Seneca's citizens is the Clerk of the District Court. Mr. James H. Gleason is a native of New York, and has resided in this county for twenty years. He first entered this office as deputy, and served in that capacity for three years, when in recognition of his capability he was chosen to the office by the people, and has been retained in the position for four successive terms, being the oldest official in point of service in Nemaha County. He is a prominent member of the Royal Arch Chapter in the Masonic Order, and is an A. O. U. W.

William Dennis, Sheriff.—No name connected with the history of the elections of this county last November bore with it more *clat* than that of William Dennis. Mr. Dennis is a native of Illinois, and has been a resident of Nemaha County for thirty-three years. He has been one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in the county. He first received public recognition in the office of trustee of Harrison Township, this county, serving three years, being re-elected each succeeding term by an increased majority. He was first elected sheriff of Nemaha in 1887. He was the only successful candidate on the Democratic ticket; the county is naturally Republican by about 800 majority. He was re-elected by the increased majority of 437. He is cut out for a sheriff—quick, active and fearless, he has, at the same time, a pleasant and affable manner.

H. B. Boylan, General Merchandise.—During the period of two years in which he has been established Mr. B. has acquired a patronage bespeaking a future of still greater success. The building occupied is a substantial frame structure, with iron roof, 22x40 feet. Mr. Boylan is fully conversant with the business in hand, and is ably assisted by his wife, and the well merited reputation of this establishment is the result of prompt business methods in the conduct of the affairs.

J. F. McGowen & Co., Manufacturer of and Dealers in Harness, Saddles, etc.—This business was established in 1882, and occupies a building 22x60 feet. It is a frame structure, and is supplied with every requisite facility for manufacturing. The stock embraces harness, saddles, collars, bridles, whips, robes, blankets, combs, etc. Mr. McGowen is a native of Ohio, and has lived in Kansas twenty-two years. He was formerly in mercantile business. He is a member of the Masons and the G. A. R. Mr. W. W. Felt, the junior member of the firm, is a native of Pennsylvania, and has resided in Nemaha County for eighteen years. He has

been engaged in the harness business all his life.

Mrs. Long, Millinery.—Is a native of England, and established her business in April, 1885. She has two competent assistants, and has always on hand newest goods and latest styles—the finest stock in the city. She is thoroughly acquainted with the details of business, having learned it at Vise's, of Ludgate Hill, and at Brandon's, Oxford Street, London. She came here from St. Joseph, where she was six years with Englehart, Winning & Co., and from the first has stood at the top of her profession.

J. R. Smith & Son, Manufacturers and Dealers in Harness.—This house has been established nine years, and employs two hands in the shop, the store being 16x60, frame, well arranged for the display of the fine stock. J. R. Smith was born in Pennsylvania, has been in Kansas eight years, and sixty years in the business. At seventy-six years of age he works daily, from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M., and has never been sick in his life. His son was born in Ohio, and is a rising man.

E. G. Wilson, Attorney at Law.—Is a native of Indiana, and graduated from the State University of Bloomington, Ind. He studied law with Judge Coffey, of Nashville, Ind., and was admitted to the bar in 1875. Although he has been located in Kansas only two years, he already conducts a fine law business. He also loans money. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

Hugo Bros., Hardware and Tinware.—Were founded in 1879, and have enjoyed a career of marked prosperity. They occupy a two-story building, 22x80 feet, carry a heavy stock, making a specialty of "Garland Stoves" and ranges. They are both practical mechanics, and attend to all work personally. The Hugo

Bros. are natives of York, Pa. P. G. has been in Kansas five years, and J. A. eleven years.

W. M. Butler, Proprietor of Seneca Foundry and Machine shops.—This foundry was established in 1880. Three to ten hands are employed. The foundry is 22x60 feet, with an engine room, office, yard, etc. Mr. Butler, manufactures mill machinery, cast and wrought iron work, plow work being a specialty; machinery repaired on short notice. The proprietor was born in England, but has lived in this country thirty-five years. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Engineers, and was formerly foreman for eight years, of the Illinois Central Railroad round-house. He built the Marysville foundry and the Denver foundry, in 1859.

D. J. Firstenberger, Clothing, Notions, Furnishing Goods, and Dry Goods.—Founded in 1873, this establishment has ever enjoyed an increasing patronage. The premises are located on Main Street, and consist of a two-storied building, 25x100 feet. The stock embraces a complete line in every department, eight assistants being required. Mr. Firstenberger is a thorough-going business man, and has achieved a position according him the confidence of the community.

Rothschild's Clothing Co., N. Fordyce, Manager.—Prominent among the mercantile enterprises of Seneca is that known as Rothschild's Clothing Co., headquarters Chicago. The premises are 22x90 feet. Two to three assistants are constantly employed. This house is deservedly celebrated throughout Kansas for the fine line of clothing always to be found in stock. The efficient manager is Mr. N. Fordyce, who has lived here seventeen years. He was born in Indiana, and reared in Illinois. He has been engaged in mercantile business in Seneca during the whole period of his residence here, and has established an enviable reputation.

HIAWATHA.

OF few towns in Kansas can one say as many praiseworthy things as of Hiawatha, while the richness of its attendant county, Brown, has long since passed into an axiom in the State annals. The solidity of Hiawatha and the prosperity of the county form a splendid example of how the influence of a few good men will be felt throughout a whole community.

The county was first settled by a few men of sterling worth, who started out in life with honest, zealous and liberal ideas. They have stuck by the county, and look with pride and pleasure to-day on the standing of a community where honor and virtue are regarded as the first attributes to be respected in men. Their example has leavened the whole, and to-day, to be a Hiawatha merchant is synonymous with being an honorable man; to be a Brown County farmer is to be an intelligent and thrifty tiller of the soil. The people of Brown have made their county without its superior, not from any special advantages Nature had bestowed, but by living within

their incomes and paying their debts. All other virtues follow from that ability, and that ability comes from desire.

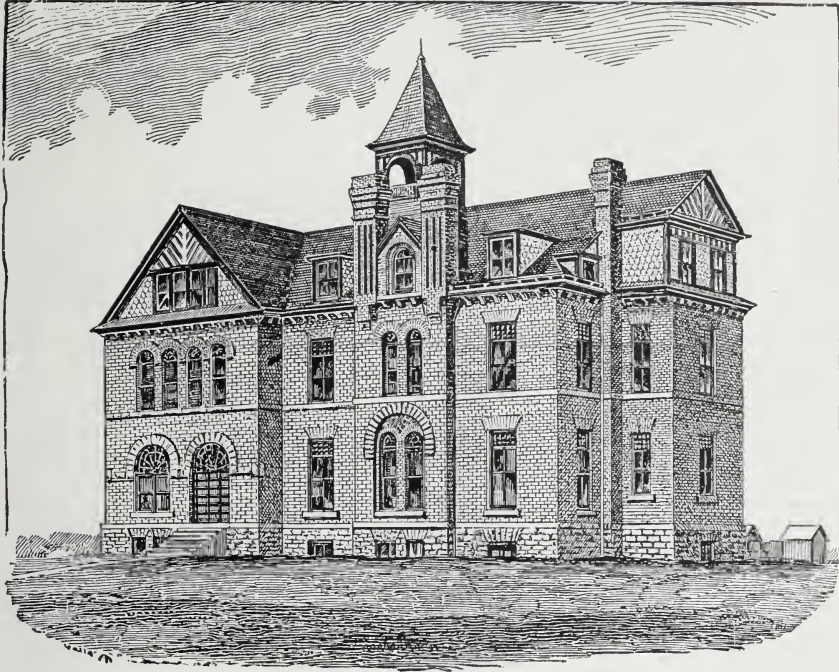
Brown was made a county in 1855, a year after Kansas was made a Territory. In 1857 Doniphan County was divided off from it, and Claytonville made the temporary county seat. In this year the population was six hundred.

The "California Trail" passed through the present site of Hiawatha long before the settlement of the county. In 1857 Hiawatha was made the county seat by popular vote, receiving 128 votes against 99 cast for the other five aspirants. The county has now sixteen post offices, most of them marking a good, substantial town.

The growth of the county has been rapid and marked. The breaking out of the Civil War impeded the growth somewhat. Out of 425 voters over 200 entered the army, and many of them met death in the South. The growth of the county has been and still is impeded by the large Indian reservations, which contain much valua-

ble land. In 1867 a portion of the Kickapoo reservation, in the southwestern part of the county, was sold, and bought in and settled by many good and industrious people. In the north-eastern portion of the county the Iowa reservation embraces some twelve thousand acres of the choicest lands of the county. When these are sold and settled the population and wealth of the county will be at once largely increased.

planned, built and placed in operation since 1886. This road enters the county in Washington Township, and runs to the county line to Horton, in South Mission Township, where large machine shops have been established and a city founded. The road branches here, one line running through Topeka south to the Indian Territory; the other runs northwesterly through Brown County and into Nemaha



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HIAWATHA COLLEGE.

An effort to build a railroad through the northern tier of counties in Kansas was first made in 1861. The war prevented its building, and in 1865 the Northern Kansas Railroad Company was organized. At a meeting of the directors, May 15, 1866, at Hiawatha, a proposition to issue \$125,000 of bonds of the county to the railroad was submitted to the people and defeated. In June the proposition was revised, amount of bonds made \$100,000, and was this time carried. The Northern Kansas soon after consolidated with the St. Joseph & Denver. On February 20th, 1871, trains commenced running to Robinson, and March 7th to Hiawatha.

In July, 1881, the project of running an extension of the Missouri Pacific from Atchison through Brown County to Omaha was first broached. In August an election was held and bonds voted. In May the line was completed from Hiawatha to Omaha, and a month later from Atchison to Hiawatha, this being made a division. To obtain the shops Hiawatha donated land and money, and by so doing largely increased her population.

The latest railroad venture in the county is the Rock Island, a branch of which, starting west from St. Joseph and extending into Southern Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, has been

County. The prosperous little towns of Powhatan and Fairview have been founded upon this branch of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska. This company has about twenty-five miles of road in the county.

In 1882 there were but two banks in the county; now there are nine.

The County of Brown is called the Banner County of the State. It is one of the smallest in the State, but nevertheless ranks first in corn and as high in all other products. The surface is an undulating upland prairie, but a small proportion being bottom land, and a very small percent, either rough or bluffy. Springs are plentiful in all parts, and well water is reached at an average depth of thirty feet. The country is dotted with beautiful farm houses, and no county can boast of more or better school houses or churches than Brown. Immigration is increasing and the county may not only be called the Banner County of the State, but the Garden Spot of the West.

Hiawatha, in keeping with its high moral and intellectual standing, has many churches and societies. The largest church edifice is the Methodist; in it has recently been placed a fine pipe organ. There are also the Christian, Presbyterian, Baptist, German Reformed, Congre-

gational, United Presbyterian, Evangelical, Catholic churches, two colored African M. E. and the Baptists.

The Lecture Association is a splendid institution and is the means of bringing lecturers and others here that would otherwise be unobtainable.

The Hiawatha Academy is, though young, in a flourishing condition. The academy was started in 1887, by a donation, from Hon. E. N. Morrill, of the site and ten thousand dollars, to which was added twenty thousand dollars by the rest of the citizens. The school aims to fit its scholars for the universities in the West exactly as Exeter and Andover do for Harvard and Yale.

Besides the college and preparatory course, there are extended courses for those who propose to teach or follow business. The music department is a special feature. This academy, like all Brown County's enterprises, has been built to stay, and profits are being carefully put into obtaining the best teachers and adding to the buildings.

The principal social societies are the Presbyterian Reading Club, Union Musical Association, the Merrie Maydens, "Y's," Academy Debating Club, and the Pleasant Hour Club. Then the churches have sewing societies, missionary guilds, ladies' unions, young people's meetings, etc. The town is the paradise of the society man. One inclined to be a "jiner" can here exercise his hobby to an unlimited degree. The Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Masons, Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, Knights of Labor, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and other organizations have good lodges here, meeting once a week and affording the stranger, if he happens to belong, an easy way to become acquainted. It is said to have more societies than any other city in Kansas.

The public schools are in a healthy condition. In 1870 the enrollment of pupils was one hundred; every year has shown an increase, and now is seven hundred and fifty. In 1870 only two teachers were employed; now there are thirteen. The high school course occupies three years, after which graduates are admitted to the freshman class of the State University, without examination.

Hiawatha has always had a wise and active town council. The volunteer fire department is well organized.

Much beauty is added to Hiawatha by the Court House Square—our public park. The block was originally set apart by the town company and presented to the county with certain stipulations. The city will, ere long, place rustic seats, fountains and statuary in it, and make it doubly pleasant as a resting place, picnic ground and public retreat.

The handsome court house was erected eleven years ago.

Hiawatha has a post of the Grand Army of the Republic, with strong membership. The Woman's Relief Corps also have a good organization. These two orders have a large building, the Armory, which was built for their own use, and is now free from debt. This building, when refitted and ceiled, will be one of the finest of its kind in the State.

The town was illuminated for the first time by electricity Friday evening, May 19, 1888.

The Morrill Public Library, though sustained by the city, was the gift of Congressman Morrill and C. H. Janes. On the shelves are five thousand books, in addition to the statistical publications of the State and nation. In the free reading room are papers and magazines of all kinds. The influence of an institution of this kind, upon the literary tastes of the people of the community, is excellent. The best books are upon its shelves. Students also find great help in the library.

For twenty-two years, without a failure, a fair has been held in Brown County. At first it was not much more than the gathering of the farmers and their families, for the purpose of talking over plans and ways of tilling the soil. Now it is a complete exposition, with abundant premiums in every department, and furnishing instruction and amusement once a year to the entire county.

The water works system was built in 1887. The stand-pipe is one hundred and thirty feet high, and twelve feet in diameter; there are six miles of mains and forty hydrants; in case of fire, direct pressure can be had.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HIAWATHA.

Hon. Edward N. Morrill.—No name is more prominently identified with the rise, progress and importance of Kansas than that of Edward N. Morrill, the Congressman. Mr. Morrill has seen the State grow from a few frontier settlements and cattle trails to the home of modern invention, one of the proudest stars in our galaxy of States. He himself has contributed no little toward making Kansas in some measures the leading Western State. As a young man, he always took a prominent part in public matters, and his coolness and Ciceronian-like judgment early commanded the respect and deference of his associates. As he has grown in years, his influence has steadily augmented, and to-day his name is recognized the length and breadth of our land as synonymous with sterling worth and morality, a standard of Kansas enterprise, intelligence and virtue. Congressman Morrill was born in Westbrook, Me., graduated from the seminary of his native place, and with a good fundamental education soon afterwards came West. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature of Kansas in 1857; at the outbreak of the war he at once enlisted as a private, was later commissary officer, and was mustered out as major in 1865; from 1866 to 1870 he was clerk of the district court in Brown County, and also from 1867 to 1872 county clerk; he was State senator from 1872 to 1880, and presiding officer *pro tem.* of that body in 1879. He is now serving his fourth term in Washington, having been elected successively to the 4th, 49th, 50th and 51st Congresses. Of his record as a statesman and national representative Kansas has just reason to be, and is, eminently proud. Of his home and private life she is equally so, for in every way has he lent to advancing the wel-

fare of Hiawatha and the district. Commencing here a young man with nothing, he has by industry and intelligence built up a large fortune, which he uses lavishly for the furtherance, not of his own, but of the common welfare. He is a born financier, has been in various lines of trading, but chiefly in loaning money and banking. He is president of the well-known Morrill & Janes Bank. He recently made a handsome donation to Hiawatha of a public library. He

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is what one would term a typical Western man, the carver of his own fortune and position, who cultivates in himself and admires in others these traits of frankness, honesty, liberality and love of work which have made the West the wonder of the world, and which will make her the guiding and controlling influence in our republic.

The Morrill & Janes Bank.—One of the most substantial and best conducted private banking houses in the West is undoubtedly The Morrill & Janes Bank, established in 1871 and incorporated in 1887. It was originally known as Barnett, Morrill & Co.'s Bank, then as above. The capital of the institution is \$100,000 and surplus \$20,000, thus possessing ample means for all business offered. It can meet any demands which may be made upon it, and the confidence which is felt in it is shown by the yearly increasing business transacted. Collections are made throughout the United States, and a general banking business is done. The officers are E. N. Morrill, president, C. H. Janes, vice president, and C. D. Lamme, Cashier. Mr. Morrill is the well known congressman already noticed. He is also president of the First National Bank

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The Kansas Mutual Life Association, Hiawatha, Kansas.—Life insurance is one of the great institutions of the age. In money, power and influence it ranks with banking, railroading, mining and mercantile pursuits. Not only the estates of the wealthy are protected against the reverses of fortune, but the penniless and dependent are provided home and sustenance through the privilege of life insurance. All over the globe, wherever the influence of civilization and education extend, the protecting power and timely beneficence of this institution are felt. Life insurance involves the most sacred interests, touching hearth and home and loved ones throughout our land. It gives opportunity and renders it possible for every man, in health and right mind, to leave his family an estate when the rude hand of death shall have laid him low. To the wealthy, it gives confidence and certainty against the reverses of trade and the loss of fortune; to the poor, it affords immunity from want and destitution. To supply

a demand for life insurance, which is now recognized to be not only a great benefit to the people but a necessity of our civilization, many good companies have been organized in the United States, and are doing a flourishing business, their aggregate assets amounting to three-quarters of a billion of dollars. And each year witnesses general growth and increased prosperity of all those life companies that are sound in foundation, and wisely and honestly managed. For it seems that the more widely extended and better known the business of legitimate life insurance becomes, the greater favor it receives from the people and the larger growth it makes. The companies that have the confidence and patronage of the people are sound and reliable, and are worthy of the prosperity they enjoy. They are founded upon scientific principles and operated in conformity with the best business methods, and by men skilled in the science of life insurance. Among these solid life companies none stand higher in the estimation of the people or have a stronger hold on public confidence than the Kansas Mutual Life Association, of Hiawatha, Kansas. It operates upon the natural premium plan of life insurance, and bases its premium rates upon the Actuaries' Table of Mortality and 4 per cent—a plan that combines in the highest degree safety, equity and economy. A detailed description of this system is not admissible within the limits of this article; but, from a thorough examination of the books, tables and methods of business of the Kansas Mutual Life, we are satisfied that its premium rates are sufficiently high to insure safety, and yet are far less than those of the old line level premium companies, and that its principles of insurance are absolutely sound. In support of our statement we quote that eminent authority on life insurance, Mervin Tabor, late actuary of the insurance department of the State of Illinois, who states: "After a scientific and actuarial test of plan, application and policy contract, I find that the agreements made therein by the Kansas Mutual Life Association are warranted by the rates adopted. Its premium rates are on a solid basis, acknowledged to be so by all scientific insurance men. In adopting these rates (the Actuaries' 4 per cent,) it has conformed with the highest legal requirements of America. The management of the association, both with reference to business ability and to fidelity and integrity, is all that can be reasonably demanded by an intelligent patronage." The best evidence of the success of this system of life insurance is found in the results achieved by the Kansas Mutual Life, as shown by its annual report at the close of business, December 31, 1889, as follows:

Mortuary funds on hand.....	\$42,173 59
Reserve funds in State treasury.....	47,007 38
All other assets.....	18,284 51

Total net assets..... \$107,465 48

New business for 1889.....	\$2,481,000 00
Insurance in force.....	7,544,500 00
Total death losses paid.....	\$209,000 00

No death claim or other financial obligation unpaid, January 1, 1890.

By the operation of the natural premium plan, the Kansas Mutual Life effected, in the business of the single year of 1889, a saving to its policy holders amounting to \$104,055, as com-

pared with the cost of the same amount of ordinary life insurance in an old line level premium company. This represents a saving of \$15.12 per thousand upon the average amount of insurance carried during the year. Thus it is shown that the plan of the Kansas Mutual Life is not only safe, but eminently economical. Operating upon this plan, this company offers to every man an opportunity to provide for the loved ones dependent on him, at a cost as low as is consistent with safety. The Kansas Mutual Life does insurance throughout the State of Kansas, and its business is rapidly extending into other States and Territories, the State of Colorado being the latest acquisition of territory. Indeed, the company has now reached that stage in its progress at which it can successfully compete with the best life companies in the land. It is the only life company located in Kansas; although several others have existed, and attempted to build up a permanent business upon an unscientific and unsound basis, only to fail after a trial of a few years. The Kansas Mutual Life remains in possession of the field, thus forcibly illustrating the natural law of "the survival of the fittest." One of the chief reasons of this company's conspicuous success is its unrivaled promptness in the payment of death losses, and the absence of all quibbling or compromise in making settlement with beneficiaries. The public in general appreciate this promptness and fair dealing, and its policy holders—among whom are found many of the foremost business men and best financiers in our land—are satisfied with the results, and pleased with the substantial growth and general prosperity of their company. Wherever the Kansas Mutual Life has done business or had occasion to settle death claims, there it has warm friends and hearty support. The management have never lost sight of the fact that the chief function of a life insurance company is to pay death claims, and that it is both right and good business to pay them promptly and without litigation or technical quibbling. So this company has established a reputation for fair dealing and prompt payment, which greatly facilitates its work of securing new business and holding its old. The fierce competition that has in recent years existed among life insurance companies has reduced this business to such an exact science that it is absolutely essential to the existence and welfare of a company that it should be in charge of men of eminent ability, fine judgment and extraordinary administrative powers. Those acquainted with the men who compose the board of trustees and officers of the Kansas Mutual Life can testify as to its advantageous position in this regard, and can readily account for its strength and prosperity. They are all men of acknowledged ability and unquestioned integrity. The names of the board of trustees are: Hon. E. N. Morrill, M. C., Hon. J. P. Davis, W. M. Wellcome, Geo. H. Adams, and Jno. E. Moon; and the officers are, Hon. J. P. Davis, president; W. M. Wellcome, vice president; Jno. E. Moon, secretary; W. B. Kingsley, assistant secretary; C. H. Janes, treasurer; E. W. Bliss, M. D., medical director. These men are well known throughout the State, and are recognized as excellent business men and gentlemen whose characters are a guaranty of honest and efficient management. A corps of

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competent clerical assistants are kept constantly employed in the general offices, and a large number of experienced agents are kept all the while in the field, devoting their time and talent exclusively to the interests of the Kansas Mutual Life. The management have conducted the affairs of this company with an eye single to its best interests, and have labored to promote its welfare with an earnestness and devotion worthy of a cause involving such sacred obligations. By virtue of a sound system and popular plan, together with wise management and careful attention to business, the officers have succeeded in placing their company in the front ranks of the solid life companies of our day. In amount of business done in Kansas, the Kansas Mutual Life leads every other life company. It has attained this position in the face of the sharpest competition of twenty-four old line level premium companies. And it accomplished this without entering into the questionable methods pursued by some companies in securing business. We refer to the practice of trying to tear down competing companies by misrepresentation and prevarication. The management have desired to present, by means of printed matter and through the aid of competent agents, the merits of their plan of insurance, without destroying public confidence in other sound companies. They believe that the field is broad enough for the existence and prosperity of all life companies operating upon a sound basis and doing legitimate business, and that every company so operating has a mission of good to perform and a useful field of labor to occupy. Accordingly, the management have pursued that course that is best for their own company and redounds to the highest interests of all legitimate life insurance. It goes without saying that any business involving such great interests should be carefully guarded, that the most implicit confidence in its principles and ultimate solvency may be maintained. And that man or company that would seek to build up a business by vile attacks upon other men or companies, equally good and reliable, injures the general business and is a disgrace to the cause espoused. Let all life companies pursue a course of generous rivalry and honorable competition, and the interests of the individual companies, as well as the cause of life insurance in general, will be subserved. After an acquaintance with the plan, methods of business, management and present condition of the Kansas Mutual Life, we are warranted in predicting for it a very bright future. In a few years its volume of business will compare favorably with that of any life company in the United States. It will then be known throughout our country as a great beneficent institution, the friend and protector of the widow and orphan, the pride of its patrons, and a fit monument to the skill and devotion of the men who founded it and guided it through the trial period of its early existence.

Dr. A. Leigh.—The humanizing influences of civilization are shown in thousands of directions, but in none to a more marked degree than that of medical and surgical science. There is no surgeon more deservedly well known in this State than Dr. A. Leigh, who has been successfully practicing medicine and surgery for the

period of sixteen years. He had a thorough preparation for the profession, taking the regular course in the Rush Medical College of Chicago, from whence he graduated in 1873. He has for several years been an active member of the State Medical Society. His neatly furnished office may be found on the north side of the Public Square. He is a gentleman of striking appearance and genial manner, and at once gains the confidence of a patient. He impresses every one with his earnestness and skill, and is conscientious and painstaking in his treatment of every case. Previous to locating here he practiced in Chicago, and in Highland, Kas., for several years. During his four years' practice in Hiawatha he has won encomiums second to those of no surgeon in the State, for the method, treatment and the uniform success that has attended his operations. He gives special attention to the diseases of the eye and ear, having made these organs a matter of study and research for several years, and has no superior in the entire West. He does credit to the profession, and has proved himself a substantial benefit to the community at large. His great success in operative surgery has created a demand for his services from abroad. He is a member of the leading orders, and is classed with the foremost men of this section.

Commercial House, U. S. Keith, Proprietor.—The best hotel now in Hiawatha, in its location, beauty and accommodations, is the Commercial House, established in 1886. The building is located one square from the Union Depot, and beside the business center, and has every convenience for the guests of the house. There are twenty sleeping apartments, well arranged and ventilated. The seating capacity of the spacious dining-hall is forty, the table throughout the year being laden with the substantial and delicacies of the season. The kitchen has all the newest improvements known, while the whole house is well furnished throughout. Mr. U. S. Keith, the popular proprietor, is a native of Ohio, and is a member of the Masons and G. A. R. It is with pleasure we refer our readers to this establishment in which we are confident they will receive all the comforts and attentions.

"The World," D. W. Wilder, Proprietor.—The oldest paper in Kansas is the *Troy Chief*. The next oldest—and possibly the best of the country papers—is the *Brown County World*, D. W. Wilder's paper, printed every Friday at Hiawatha. Its circulation is over 2,500. It is a 12-column quarto, brim-full of local and general news. It is a firm friend of the farmer, and while not strictly an agricultural paper, devotes much space to farm interests. It aims to be, and is, a clean, bright, newsy visitor, once a week, to every home in Brown County. Not a line of reading matter, not a line of advertising, is printed for any price, if it so much as hints at things that cannot be talked of openly by the family circle. D. W. Wilder, the editor and proprietor of *The World*, is one of Kansas's pioneers, and has never been in any danger of being forgotten. As State Auditor, he, with the help of the farmers in the Legislature, deposed a ring treasurer who used funds unlawfully. As State Superintendent of Insurance, the position

he now holds under protest of every dishonest man and every snide insurance company, he has kept his honor and that of the office entrusted to him; he has so purified the insurance field that insurance means something—"policy paid; losses must be." General Wilder's time is so taken up with the insurance business at Topeka, that the entire management of *The World* is left to Mr. Ewing Herbert, a printer protégé of his, scarcely twenty-two years old. The mechanical department, employing twelve hands, is in charge of another young fellow, also a native Kansan, and a printer of rare taste and skill, T. Jack Schall. All kinds of printing is solicited. Bids will be made on any work from a milk ticket to a fine book. Price-lists, and all sorts of circular printing, a specialty.

Hunter & Bates, Hard and Soft Coal.—In giving an authentic history of the business interests of Hiawatha, and her capabilities for supplying the demands made upon her by the surrounding country, we must not omit mention of the extensive coal interests as conducted by Messrs. Hunter & Bates. The business was established May 15, 1888, and the firm handles the most desirable grades of anthracite and bituminous coal as well as baled hay and straw. The office and yards are conveniently located, and two hands are employed; also two wagons. Mr. Hunter is a native of Michigan, and is one of the oldest settlers in Kansas, having lived here for twenty-nine years. He entered the army from Brown County, in the 2nd Nebraska, and served honorably through the entire war. He also made an enviable record as sheriff for four years, and in the capacity of city marshal for the same time. Mr. Bates was born in Kentucky, and has been in business here for several years. Both gentlemen are public spirited and enterprising and well calculated to make a continued success of their prosperous business.

R. L. Henry & Co., Lumber Dealers.—Are successors to the Chicago Lumber Company. Their enterprising manager, is Mr. J. H. Cunningham, a native of the State of Pennsylvania. He was in this business many years there, and no one is more learned as regards all the details of lumber. They do a heavy trade. The best quality of lumber is manufactured, and all orders are promptly and satisfactorily attended to. Mr. C. has secured for the firm an enviable reputation. He is serving his third term as city police judge, and, as is evident from his long retention in office, has given eminent satisfaction to the public in his judicial conduct.

L. D. Pottenger, City Drug Store.—In 1888 Messrs. Davis and Pottenger formed a co-partnership and established themselves in business at the present stand, L. D. Pottenger being their successor. He occupies a handsome brick building, two stories high, with a cellar, 25x80 feet. It is admirably arranged for business purposes, and contains every necessary facility for the advantageous conduct of the extensive business. Mr. Pottenger is a native of Indiana, and since his final location in Hiawatha, he has become identified with our most respected business men. He has been in business in this city twelve years. He is cautious, conscientious, well deserving his flattering success.

Wellcome & Blair, Lumber and Coal.—The enterprise displayed by those in the lumber and coal business in Hiawatha is of such an active character as to center at this point a very large trade. Wellcome & Blair are one of the pioneer firms in this line; were founded in January, 1886, and have continued in uninterrupted operation ever since. An enormous stock of fine lumber and coal is carried, and an extensive wholesale as well as retail business is done. Mr. Wellcome was born in Maine, but was raised in Wisconsin. He has resided in this State since 1870, and was formerly connected with the grain, grocery and lumber trade. He belongs to the K. of P.; also to the Odd Fellows. Mr. Blair is a native of Canada, and has lived in Kansas twenty-five years. He is also a member of the K. of P., Odd Fellows and Masons.

Miner & Stevens, Druggists, No. 94 Oregon Street.—Three years ago this firm succeeded Stevens & Pohl. Their handsome store is worthy of mention, comprising as it does three rooms, measuring respectively 25x60, 20x48 and 20x12, two stories and basement. The whole is a model of system, arrangement and convenience, the windows being ornamented with costly colored glass. Two hands assist the proprietors, and besides articles usually found in a first-class drug store, are window curtains, stationery, picture frames, glass, wall paper, paints, oils and brushes. They make a specialty of prescriptions, having prepared in four years no less than 18,910 prescriptions, probably more than any other house. Mrs. Miner believes that proficiency is necessary to success; she is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Mr. Stevens is a native of England, and came to this country a boy; he is an Odd Fellow.

E. J. Raff, Proprietor Hiawatha Roller Mills.—These mills were established in 1880, by E. J. Raff, and have maintained a high reputation for their products. The building is 45x75 feet, and fitted with the best machinery. Four hands are employed, and choice family and extra family flour is manufactured, the celebrated brands being, Aldine Patent, Tube Rose, and Congo, which are shipped over Kansas and the adjacent States. Mr. Raff is a native of Ohio, and came to Atchison in 1862. He has been in Hiawatha ten years, and is a respected citizen and a Mason of old standing.

Hill Brothers, Hardware, Seeds, Farm Machinery.—It may not be generally known that Hiawatha possesses one of the largest, most complete and most thoroughly equipped hardware and implement houses in the State—the establishment of Hill Brothers. The firm was founded in 1880, and from a modest beginning has developed into the present immense business. The premises consist of a brick structure, owned and built by them, two stories high and 40x140 feet, the second floor of which is used for the display of the grand assortment of carriages and implements. In addition is a large tinnery's room, where they manufacture tinware of all kinds, cookers, etc. In the rear they have an immense wagon warehouse, 60 feet in length. They employ regularly five hands. All kinds of hardware and farm machinery are always to be

found here, field and garden seeds being a specialty. They sold more harvesters, binders, mowing machines and power cornshellers in 1888 and 1889 than any other house in Kansas. Being possessed of ample capital, they save the discount on bills. The Messrs. Hill are natives of England and Ohio respectively, and came to Kansas in '79 and '84. Mr. A. J. Hill has lived in Missouri one year, and is a Mason, an A. O. U. W. and M. W. His brother, Fred T. Hill, also belongs to the M. W.

W. S. Thomas, Dentist, who has been established in the practice of his profession in this city since 1882, is one of the most popular men here. Both his reception and operating rooms are fitted up in the very best style, with all the dental tools and implements known to the science, and his operating room provided with all the necessary appliances. He practices the science in all its branches, with invariable success. Dr. Thomas is a native of Pennsylvania, and began to practice in that State in 1859. His superior work, moderate prices, and genial manner have made him a universal favorite in Hiawatha.

J. V. Rollins, Notary Public, Real Estate and Collection Agent.—This gentleman offers great inducements and bargains in property. His office is located at the corner of Seventh and Oregon Streets. He established himself in this city four years ago, and has developed a large trade. He deals in rich mineral, timber and agricultural lands, desirably situated, city business and residential property, suburban lands, etc. He is a notary public, and is also regarded as one of the finest collection agents in the State of Kansas. He was born and raised in Illinois, and was formerly engaged in the manufacture of harnesses in Griggsville, Illinois. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of H. He is a public-spirited man, and is an acquisition to this growing city.

M. L. Guelich, Clerk of Court.—Mr. M. L. Guelich, the popular clerk of the court of Brown County, was born in Pennsylvania, and is of German descent. He has resided in Kansas eight years, and was formerly a teacher in the public schools of this State. He is a man of superior abilities and fine education. Twenty-two years of his life have been spent in teaching in the States of Pennsylvania, Missouri and Kansas. He is one of the directors of the Building and Loan Association of this city, and is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, K. of P. and G. A. R. He is also a member of the board of education. Mr. Guelich was elected clerk on December 10, 1887, and performs his duties with careful attention and sincere conscientiousness.

E. J. Leigh, M. D.—Dr. E. J. Leigh is one of our city's conscientious gentlemen. He was born in Kansas, and in June, 1881, graduated with the honors of the class, from the Literary College at Highland, this State. Then entered the graded three-years' course of Rush Medical College, from which school he graduated in 1884. He began practice in this city in June, 1883, at first with his father. His office is on the north side of Public Square. His reputa-

tion, both in medicine and surgery, extends throughout the county, and results in a constantly increasing practice. He is medical examiner for the Kansas Mutual Life Association; also for the M. W. A. and the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen. He is social in his inclinations, being a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Modern Woodmen.

Jno. F. Cashman, Sheriff, has lived in this county nineteen years, and is serving his second term as sheriff. His eminent qualifications as an executive officer are testified to by the spontaneity with which he was re-elected, and the enthusiasm exhibited in his behalf during the last campaign. Mr. Cashman was formerly engaged in farming, and is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., the Masons and K. of P.

N. E. Chapman, County Clerk, is a native of New York, and has lived in Kansas nineteen years. He was post master of Hiawatha for four years, previous to which he was in the grain and merchandising business. He was elected county clerk in January, 1887, and fills the position with entire satisfaction, being considered one of the best clerks in the great West.

T. B. Dickason, Probate Court Room.—Mr. Dickason has been established in his present capacity fourteen years; thus it is easily seen that the probate court room in Hiawatha is occupied by one who most thoroughly understands his business. He was born in Jackson, Ohio, and is a jeweler by trade. He was formerly in the jewelry business here. He is a Freemason. He is known for his force of character, and esteemed for his many energetic qualities.

O. C. Hill, County Treasurer.—Was born in Ohio, and graduated from the celebrated Williams College, Massachusetts, where such men as Garfield and John J. Ingalls received their collegiate education. He at once engaged in teaching, and for eight years was professor at Hiram College, Ohio, another institution with which Garfield was connected. Since then he has been connected as professor with the Northern Normal College, Oregon, Missouri, and the Hiawatha schools. His prominence as an educator prompted his selection as county treasurer. In this office he employs the most careful methods and shows uniform courtesy to all.

R. T. Herrick, Attorney at law.—Is a native of Kansas. He graduated from Allegheny College, Pennsylvania. He is one of the talented, hard-working and rising young lawyers of this section. He is a practical thinker and conscientious in the furtherance of the interests placed under his charge.

Cash Variety Store, Mrs. R. J. Hanson Proprietress.—The Variety Store is one of our staple institutions, and no town is considered up to the times without it. Hiawatha's representative is one of her most flourishing concerns. Mrs. R. J. Hanson opened here in May, 1888, and at once entered on a prosperous career, continuing always to sell goods strictly for cash. Her store, in which she is assisted by her two bright children, is a scene of bustle and activity.

Mrs. Hanson is a native of Fayette County, Indiana, and has lived in this State twenty two years. She is a most valuable addition to the comfort of our city.

Wellcome, Moon & Davis—W. M. Wellcome, J. E. Moon, J. P. Davis—Loan Brokers and Insurance Agents.—These gentlemen are old settlers, have an extensive acquaintance, and do a large business in their line. They make a speciality of loaning money on farm mortgage securities, and are prepared to furnish money promptly, in large or small amounts, at the lowest rates and on the best of terms. Their business in this line is large and constantly increasing. Their fire insurance companies are the best in the United States; and they also do a large business in this line. They also collect moneys, pay taxes, furnish abstracts of title, and attend generally to the business interests of non-resident property owners. Those intrusting any business to these gentlemen may rest assured that it will receive prompt and careful attention.

The Pacific House, E. Muxlow, Proprietor.—This well-conducted hotel has been in successful operation since September 1, 1888, and has acquired an extended reputation. The rooms are large and airy and all the appointments of the hotel are first-class. The dining-room has a seating capacity of twenty-five guests; and the service is all that epicurean taste could desire. Mr. E. Muxlow, the proprietor, is a courteous and obliging gentleman, as all who have shared his hospitality will testify.

B. S. Foster, Furniture, Oil Cloth, Carpets and Undertaking.—Among the foremost establishments in its branch of trade is that of B. S. Foster, established since 1876. The premises consist of an elegant stone building, 25x125 feet, two stories. The large and varied stock of furniture embraces all the finest designs and most fashionable styles, and a fine line of carpets and oil cloths is also carried. In this house everything pertaining to modern undertaking is executed in the highest degree of general excellence. Three experienced assistants are employed. Mr. Foster is a native of Ohio, has lived in Kansas since 1856 and fully deserves his success. He is a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F., G. A. R. and A. O. U. W.

A. O. Dickason, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Etc.—Hiawatha is fortunate in having a gentleman whose skill and taste make him a model jeweler. Mr. Dickason is a native of Ohio, a resident of Kansas twenty years, and fifteen years in jewelry business, knowing every branch of it practically. He has been established in Hiawatha since 1887, and his agreeable manner and fine stock have won him trade. This latter consists of a complete assortment of jewelry, solid gold chains, ladies' and children's neck

chains, gold and silver-plated bracelets, rings, pins, charms, etc.

C. H. Lawrence, City Clerk.—For twenty years has this gentleman devoted himself to the interests of this city, and received recognition for his services in election to the office of sheriff for the county. He is now serving his third consecutive term as city clerk. He is also engaged in real estate and loans, to which his frankness and knowledge of the county well suit him. He was born in New York, and has for years been a prominent K. T. Mason.

J. H. Serven, Pianos and Organs.—Established September 9, 1887, is thoroughly conversant with all the details of the business, having had 25 years' experience. He sells the best lines of pianos—the Steinway, Knabe, Weber, Fischer and Vose & Sons' pianos, and the Estey, Storey & Clark, Packard and Chicago Cottage organs. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and raised in Long Island till nine years of age, when his father moved to Michigan. He has quite an interesting war history. He served in the 11th Kansas Vol., in Company C, having enlisted in August, '62. The first battle he engaged in was at Fort Wayne, Ark., October, '62. On October 20th, '62, he fought at Cane Hill, Ark.; December, '62, Prairie Grove; January, '63, Van Buren and Fort Smith; February, '63, Little Rock, whence he was sent to Fort Leavenworth Hospital, whence he was sent to Arlington Heights, Clifborne Barracks (22nd Veteran Reserve Corps), being discharged on the 19th day of July, '64. Mr. Serven is a gentleman of fine character, and possessed of many valuable qualities. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow and G. A. R.

Wheelock & Co., Marble.—Began business in 1880, and have obtained a high reputation. They make all kinds of marble and stone monuments, curbing and fencing for cemeteries. Mr. W. is a native of Massachusetts, and has lived in Kansas nine years. He employs eight men. Mr. Manly, the foreman, is a native of Missouri, and of invaluable service. They will furnish American and foreign marble at less cost than any other firm in the State.

Hiawatha House, George Boone, Jr., Proprietor.—This comfortable hostelry was established five years ago, was burned down in January, and this summer will be built and reopened to the public, continuing under the able management of George Boone, Jr., who has made himself so generally popular. The old house was well known for its many attractions and the new one will, with all modern improvements, even surpass it. Mr. Boone is one of the most influential young men in Hiawatha, both from his force of character and sterling qualities.

HORTON.

HORTON, the wonderful young city at which nations marvel, is but three years old, has five thousand people, and is destined to be one of the first cities of Kansas.

Horton is the division station of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway, (Rock Island Route,) situated in the southern part of Brown County, in Northeastern Kansas. It is fifty miles from Topeka and forty miles from St. Joseph. Here the two great branches of the Rock Island diverge—the northwest extending up through the northern tier of Kansas counties, running to Denver and Colorado Springs, and terminating at the Pacific coast, with a branch from Horton and running into Nebraska and to the Yellowstone National Park; the southwestern branch, with spurs and feeders in every direction, controlling nearly the entire business of the State, extending through “No Man’s Land” into Texas. Here the line again branches and one line runs in a southwesterly direction to the Gulf, and another to Trinidad, Colo., while the main line terminates at El Paso.

But little more than three years ago the ground on which the immense brick and stone structures of Horton now stand were being plowed up by the farmer and grazed over by cattle. A farm house or two was all that told of its being inhabited by man. The rapid change from farm to city is what the people of Kansas and other States to-day pronounce wonderful. Nothing like it was ever known in history, and probably this marvel of the inroads of man will never be repeated.

The following facts and figures will give an idea of the rapid strides Horton has taken toward a metropolis since the first lot was sold:

First lot was sold September 20, 1886.

First weekly paper started October 29, 1886.

Made a city of the second class Sept. 10, 1887.

The largest car shops in the West completed October 25, 1887.

First daily paper appeared October 29, 1887.

Fire department organized and housed in commodious quarters, the new City Hall, November 10, 1887.

Street car line finished and put in operation by Kansas City syndicate May 1, 1888.

Plant built and wires stretched, and the city illuminated by electricity, on the night of July 1, 1888.

Population September 20, 1888, when just two years old, forty-six hundred.

Post office made a presidential office October 1, 1888.

Franchise for water works granted by the city council, February 26, 1889.

To-day there are five thousand people living on this tract of land, and there are business blocks, public buildings and residences occupying it, which could hold their place alongside the better class of buildings in Kansas City.

WHY SUCH RAPID GROWTH?

The first question asked by strangers invariably is, “What caused this wonderful city to

spring up so rapidly?” The secret of it all is this: The Rock Island shops are located here. They are the main shops west of the Mississippi River, and are designed to do repairing and the construction of all the rolling stock of the Rock Island System in the West, and are built to employ twenty-five hundred men. The shops are vast; built of brick, and in ventilation, solidity, comfort and the equipment of machinery are unrivaled in the Union. The experience at all other machine and railroad shops in the country is crystalized in them, and the machinery in use, and yet to be placed in use, is the latest; the experiments of all other shops again lending to the equipment here. These shops, the machinery of which alone cost over six hundred thousand dollars, cover an area of eight acres, and each building is a great, grand and substantial brick structure. There are no shanties or sheds about the yards, over which there are twelve miles of track, siding, etc.

The shops afford ample room to work twenty-four hundred men, and as three divisions of the great system terminate here, the men employed will soon number three thousand, making a monthly pay-roll of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars at least, which will be expended among the other business interests of the city.

The passenger coach shop is 500x512 feet, two stories in height; freight car shop, 90x512, two stories high; machine shops, 90x200; blacksmith shops, 82x90; oil house, 34x34; general supply depot, 50x150, two stories high; engine house for car shops, 60x60; round-house, 42-stall plan; freight depot, 34x90; engine house for machine shops, 60x60; passenger depot, 34x128 feet, two stories high with basement, built of red pressed brick, in the latest and most approved style of modern architecture, and cost \$15,000; also an immense ice house.

All the above buildings are brick with cut stone trimmings and slate roof, except freight depot. All the immense buildings and yards are lighted with electricity. The machinery placed in these shops is of the latest, most modern and improved make, and cost over one-half million dollars. It is propelled by two of the finest and largest Corliss engines in the world.

This year it is expected that the Rock Island will erect an immense foundry, in addition to the other mammoth structures they now have here. They also contemplate a large paint and dry house, 150x600 feet in size, and numerous other improvements that will eventually make Horton a city of 10,000 people.

The great Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway company is the father of Horton, and the manner in which this company continues to expend money in furthering Horton enterprises, shows that they meant what they said in stating that it should be the main headquarters for the Rock Island System west of Chicago.

WHY HORTON?

Very often the question is asked, “Why did the Rock Island Company select Horton for the

location of their vast shops; why did they not go to Topeka or St. Joseph?" This question is easily answered.

The Rock Island people displayed great foresight and exercised business sense in settling upon Horton for the place at which to build the shops. Had a bonus been accepted to locate them elsewhere, a tract likely just sufficient for the shops, with a small sum of money, might have been donated, and the company would have been barred from extending the area of their shops, except by purchase of contiguous land, which would have been held at exorbitant values, owing to the known need of the company. But locating at Horton, the result has been the building up of a city, a city of which Kansas will soon be proud; and the sale of lots has enabled the company to put in its great plant free of cost, essentially so, and with money in its treasury. Too, were the shops located in a great city, or near a point where like industries are pursued, the least dissatisfaction among employes would cause them to quit work with the confidence of securing work in some neighboring shop. Here, isolated, as it were, from such surroundings and influences, and in prosperous Kansas, discipline can be maintained with the least effort among the men and benefits will accrue to the men from their uninterrupted industry.

Although the railroad interests in Horton serve as the foundation rock on which the city is built, there is something else that contributes largely to the prosperity and upbuilding of the city.

Horton is a new town in a long-settled, old country. Its sudden growth from a cornfield to a city does not put it ahead of the surrounding country. Well cultivated farms, with good farm houses resting in groves, dot the landscape surrounding Horton, looking down upon it from great, long, rolling, sweeping prairie slopes. The well-to-do farmers contribute their share to the prosperity of Horton. Brown County, as to wealthy farmers, fine farm houses and rich land is acknowledged the banner county of the State of Kansas.

Our merchants are prosperous and happy, as well might they be, when the pay car leaves nearly \$50,000 in Horton monthly. In addition to this, the crops in Brown County never fail, and our streets are crowded with farmers daily with plenty of ready cash in their pockets.

Horton's business interests are represented by an unusually energetic set of men.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HORTON.

Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, Lessee.—The marked growth of Horton attendant upon the career of the C. K. & N. Ry., is of such an obvious character as to demand more than ordinary attention here. These mammoth shops were started in 1886, and consist of nine substantial brick buildings, of gigantic dimensions, two-stories, with slate roofs. Four hundred and fifty operatives are employed,

while there is capacity for 1,800 men. Every kind of passenger and freight car is manufactured, and an immense business in repairing is constantly going on. There is every facility for making locomotives, etc., while all the newest and latest patents in machinery are used. The general manager of these works is Mr. Geo. F. Wilson, who was born and raised in Baltimore, Md. He is a veteran in the railroad business, and there is no one in the West more thoroughly acquainted with the details and responsibilities of railroading than Mr. Wilson, who since the age of ten has been connected with it; he is a Mason. Mr. Wilson came here in February, 1889, from Minneapolis, Minn., where he was with the M. & St. L. R. R. To his management is largely due the success of the C. K. & N. in this section. He is a man of superior ability, full of push and energy, and has those social qualities which render him popular with all classes.

H. Monkhouse, Manager Mechanical Department Rock Island System West of Missouri River.—There is hardly any more interesting reading than to trace from early manhood the history of our successful railroad men. That our readers may see the results of perseverance and industry in this line, we will call their attention to Mr. H. Monkhouse, who has lately succeeded to the management of the railroad shops at Horton. Mr. M. was born at New Castle, Delaware, and began his railroad career at the age of sixteen. His first experience was on the Central Ohio, now belonging to the B. & O. R. R. From 1860 to 1868 he remained with this road, and then was master mechanic, which position he filled up to 1875. He was then made master mechanic of the Vandalia Line, with headquarters at Effingham, Illinois. From 1877 to 1879 found him assistant master mechanic of the old St. P. & P. road, now known as the St. P. M. & M. From 1879 to 1881 he was master mechanic of the Mobile and Alabama division of the L. & N. R. R. At the close of his connection with the M. & A. R. R. he engaged in business at St. Paul, Minn., until May, 1888. In May of 1889 the railroad desire again came to him, and we find him located at Herington, Kas., as master mechanic of that division of the C. R. I & P. R. R., in which capacity he remained until September of 1889, when he was made train master, which position he filled up to October 17th, when he was transferred to Horton, taking the place formerly held by Geo. F. Wilson, having now charge of the mechanical department of the Rock Island System west of the Missouri River. Such, in brief, is the history of a man who is yet young, and before whom are many years of usefulness in his chosen line of work.

Eugene G. Wilhelm, Tailor.—The ability to gain new trade and to hold it is the feature in the business of Eugene C. Wilhelm. On his tables may be found a full line of suitings of all styles and grades. For those desiring overcoats everything new and elegant is before them, so a choice can easily be made. Mr. Wilhelm has for many years been in this business and fully understands it. To keep up with his orders it is necessary to employ seven tailors. He is officially

appointed as uniform tailor for the C. R. I. & P. R. R. All conductors, brakemen, etc., have their uniforms made here. Mr. Wilhelm has a two-story frame building, 30x45. He is a prominent K. of P. A native of Indiana, he has all his life been in merchant tailoring, and is especially adapted to occupy the position of Horton's leading tailor. From a wedding suit to a business suit you can get as good a fit from him, and as stylish, as in Chicago or St. Louis, and with less money.

Hardin Bros., Coal, Wood and Feed.—A strong combination is that formed under the firm name of Hardin Bros., which was established in the fall of 1888. They possess all the requisites for doing a large trade, and are known as leaders in their special commodities throughout this entire section. They are hard workers, and have an outside man. Eli Hardin and his brother, W. F., were both born in this State, and are members of the K. of P. Eli is also chief of police.

M. Beverley, Undertaking.—“In life we are in the midst of death,” and it is but a step to the grave. M. Beverley, of this place, has a full line of undertaking goods, and carries a large stock of coffins and caskets. He is a native of Kentucky, and for seven years was engaged in milling and farming. During the war he was a member of the 53d Kentucky Mounted Infantry. Since his opening up business here in May, 1888, he has made himself known, and is a valuable addition to Horton's prosperity.

J. H. Brundige.—It is remarkable to what extent the insurance business is now carried on throughout the civilized world, and the vast amount of money that every year is paid out to losers by fire. Mr. J. H. Brundige has established in the place an insurance business that speaks well for his ability as a writer. He represents both fire and accident insurance, having the agency of some of the leading companies, both here and abroad, including the Northern Assurance Company, of London, which has paid out the vast sum of twenty-seven millions of dollars as fire losses. Mr. Brundige is a native of Ohio, and prior to his engaging in insurance was for thirty years a minister of the gospel, and in the city and surrounding country commands the respect of all.

J. W. Heather, Druggist.—The pioneer drug store of this city is that of J. W. Heather. This house proudly holds its well-earned honors in retaining for itself the reputation established three years ago. Having the largest store in this city, a two-story brick, 25x90 feet, with a basement under all, the stock they can here carry is immense. They are recognized as leaders in their line, and carry drugs, paints, oils, glass, stationery and sundries. The four salesmen are kept constantly on the move. The store proper is a room of noble dimensions, and in the arrangement of the stock great taste has been shown. Well-filled shelves, counters and show-cases attract the visitor's eye. Mr. Heather was born in Canada, and was in the lumber business in Michigan prior to his entering the drug trade. The manager, Julius Pohl, a native of Michigan,

has had an experience extending over nine years, and is well adapted to his post. He is also a prominent member of the leading secret societies—I. O. O. F., K. of P., K. of H. and A. O. U. W. No house stands higher in public esteem or in the volume of business done.

Deutsch Bros.—No house adds more to the sum total of business here than the dry goods and clothing house of Deutsch Bros. The firm consists of six brothers, one of whom has charge of a store at each of the following points: Atchison, Valley Falls, Denison, Smith Centre and Horton, S. D. Deutsch having the charge of this branch. Besides dry goods and clothing they deal in boots and shoes, from the heaviest brogan to the finest ladies' shoes. The business is carried on in three large communicating stores they secured when opening up a year ago, requiring the services of five salesmen. Mr. D. is a native of Alsace, and has always been in this line of business. Buying in large quantities and for so many stores, they can buy at lower figures than their competitors, and on this account their prices are “way down.” Liberal in their dealings, this firm is deservedly popular, and ranks high in this community.

Craig Bros. & Co., Dry Goods.—Having an elegant stock of dry goods, clothing, carpets, blankets, hats, caps, boots, shoes and furnishing goods, Messrs. Craig are prepared to fit out the housekeeper with everything complete. The store occupies 25x100 feet in a two-story brick and terra cotta block. Electric lights have been put in, and shopping can thus be done as well in the evening as in the daytime. Two polite salesmen aid the proprietors. R. G. Craig was born in Kentucky, and for seven years traveled for a large dry goods house, and for the past four years has been in business. He is a Mason and also a K. of P. L. D. Craig was born in Missouri, and has been connected with dry goods for seventeen years. He is also a Mason. C. J. Combs, the “Co.,” is a native of Missouri, and was formerly a banker at Linnæus, Mo., but has been in the dry goods trade for fifteen years. He is a prominent K. T. Mason. The trade they have built up since coming to the city shows the ability they possess and the pains they take to please.

F. G. Wallace, Grocer.—A native of Illinois, but formerly of Creston, Iowa, Mr. Wallace came to Horton in May, 1888, and opened up an attractive fancy and staple grocery store, in the two-story brick house, with a store room 25x50 in size, where he does quite a good business, not only in groceries but also in flour and feed. Mr. Wallace finds it to be of great advantage to him in this busy place that all his life he has been engaged in this business and can so easily look after its many minor details. His friends will wish him the fullest success in his enterprise. In the new arrangement of his store it makes one of the most attractive stores in town in this line of trade.

W. H. Yerian & Son, Furniture.—Few men can boast of having spent forty years in one line of trade as can the senior partner of this firm. They carry an elegant stock of parlor

furniture, bed-room sets, plush and upholstered chairs, mattresses, bed springs, window shades and baby carriages. They also use the patent Peterson's carpet exhibitor, and do a large business in undertaking, and the would-be purchaser will here find a choice line of caskets. This firm occupy a one-story brick building on Front Street, used only as a salesroom, covering a space of 25x100 feet, and an additional ware room on Main Street that is 24x85 feet. Mr. W. H. Yerian is a native of Ohio, and has for many years been a member of the Odd Fellows society. The son was born in Iowa, and was formerly engaged in railroading, but for the past six years has been associated with his father, and takes great interest in the K. of P., to which he belongs.

Means & Smith, Attorneys.—The strongest legal firm in Horton established themselves here February, 1889. They have an elegant suit of rooms over the First National Bank. No case comes before the courts here that does not find one or both of these lawyers on one side or the other. It is rare to find in a town of this size so large a law library as they have. Mr. W. F. Means was born in Missouri and studied law under Mr. Atterbury for a while, but shortly afterwards entered the law department of Missouri University, from which he graduated in 1887 and soon afterwards was admitted to the bar. Mr. Flintoft Smith was born in Ontario, Canada, and graduated from the Victoria University of that city in arts in 1884; was then admitted to the bar in New York, in 1886. His law studies were carried on under D. B. McClelland (Queen's Counsel) and the Honorable Wm. Rowe of New York. These gentlemen are ardent and enthusiastic in their profession and their success is due to the zeal they give to business entrusted to their care.

Todd & Smyth.—Many important deals in real estate and loans are made in the office of Messrs. Todd & Smyth, who also place insurance and do an abstract business, having the only abstracts of this city. Establishing their office in August, 1887, they refer to the banks in and out of town as to their character and financial standing. Mr. Todd is a native of the North of Ireland, born of Scotch-Irish parents, and graduated from Alfred University, N. Y., in 1869. He has taught school, practiced civil engineering and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He came to Horton from Oskaloosa, Iowa. A member of the Masonic order, he is a member of the bar, and though not in active practice, yet is consulted on very many cases in this county. Mr. Smyth was born in Susquehanna County, Pa., and formerly taught school and engaged in surveying. During the war he was a member of the 3d Pennsylvania Art. Before moving to Horton he was superintendent of the Brown County schools for six years, and did much to aid the cause of education in this county. He is a Mason, a K. of P. and a G. A. R. man. He is now the "Nasby" of Horton, having been named as the successor of the late Dr. Fisher by almost unanimous consent of all the leading Republicans of Brown County. This firm are general agents for the Kansas City addition to Horton, lying eight minutes' walk north, on high, rolling ground, overlooking the entire city. Both Messrs. Todd and Smyth have

built themselves houses on this addition, having come here to stay. They also do a loan and brokerage business, and besides have complied with the law in regard to abstracts.

Vannatta & Aszmann, Real Estate, are identified with the growth of this city, having engaged themselves in many large deals here. Negotiating loans, writing insurance for the four companies they represent, and making collections, are the leading features of their business. They also invest money without charge, and give special attention to collections, examining titles, notary business and the like. All who entrust their business into the hands of this firm can rest assured of its being attended to in the best manner. This concern has been in operation since April 10, 1888, and refer to the First National Bank of Horton. Mr. Vannatta came here from Muscatine, Iowa, in 1886, and is a member of the city council, and of the K. of P. Mr. Aszmann was born in Missouri, but raised in Chester, Ill., where he was cashier six years in the banking house of H. Speckman & Co.

Horton Hardware Co.—The extent of the hardware trade in this section of the country may be noticed by the prosperity of such concerns as this. Messrs. Dean and Steele came here in October of 1887, and that their judgment was well founded in choosing this place, is evidenced by the large trade they have had since opening. All who have seen their commodious two-story brick store, 50x80 feet, filled with shelf and builder's hardware, the best makes of cooking and heating stoves, can easily see that here all the wants of the customer can be supplied. Farm machinery, standard, domestic and foreign cuttlery, mechanics' tools, are also to be found here. The business requires the services of six hands. Mr. Dean was born among the rugged hills of New Hampshire, and early in the war joined the 2d Inf. of that State, doing faithful service for the Union. For five years he was superintendent of the Chicago Gas Company; later he was farm and house steward of the Insane Asylum at Washington, D. C.; he was also in hotel and general mercantile life. Among his associates of the Masonic order he holds an enviable position. Mr. Steele was born in Illinois, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. By trade a tinner, he thoroughly knows his business, and having had an experience covering many years is specially adapted to it.

Stivers & Sautter, Druggists.—Well and favorably known, this firm is a household word here. Making a specialty of prescriptions, great care is used and the purest drugs only put up. Aided by two reliable salesmen, they find their time entirely occupied in accommodating the wants of their many customers. Their store occupies a specially designed building, of brick, owned by this firm, erected this year. This building is one of the handsomest, being 22x100 feet, with electric light, attractive by night as by day. Established in May, 1887, Messrs. Stivers & Sautter enjoyed a paying trade from the start. Dr. Stivers is a regular practicing physician of thirteen years' standing in this State. A native of Ohio, and a medical college graduate, he served in the Union army. Mr. Sautter is a native of

Germany, and prior to his entering the drug business was in boots and shoes at Hiawatha. As a member of the K. of P. he is popular and well liked.

Crawford Bros., City Meat Market.—For the family, hotel or restaurant no one can go amiss in making the City Meat Market the place where they may purchase their meats, fish or oysters. Crawford Bros. started here in October, 1887, and their business has increased to such an extent that they require four assistants in their market to wait upon customers. They are always on the lookout for fine cattle and hogs, paying the highest prices for the same. Their market occupies a frame building, 18x80, and is always well filled with a fine stock of meats. Both gentlemen were born in Illinois, and are members of the Odd Fellows and K. of P., one of them having been formerly engaged in the nursery business, while the other was raised on a farm.

Chas. Zwirtz, Meat Market.—Many people think it an exceedingly easy matter to run a meat market, but the meat business is a study, learned only by long experience. Chas. Zwirtz, by birth a Prussian, is one of Horton's representative men, and has been in no other business during his life. He prides himself on the fine trade he enjoys, and the class of citizens for whose wants he caters. His business is conducted in a one and a half story frame, 16x30 feet, where at all times can be found a well-assorted stock of every kind of meat that is in the market.

Hotel Omaha.—Located close to the depot is the Hotel Omaha, whose proprietor, T. R. Leighton, on "hospitable thoughts intent," can always be found ready to serve his guests with the best, at the low price of one dollar a day. This house, with a reputation covering a period of three years, is well known along the line of the Rock Island Route. The hotel is of two stories, with twelve bed-rooms, and a seating capacity in the dining-room for thirty persons, requiring the assistance of five thoroughly experienced persons. Mr. Leighton was born in Missouri, and for many years was a conductor on the railroad. Mrs. Leighton is the owner of the building, and can well be proud of possessing a hotel so well liked by all the traveling public.

E. Bourquin, Jeweler.—In this store are to be found articles of luxury in the shape of all kinds of jewelry, watches, rings, silverware. Having been many years the superintendent of a large watch factory in Switzerland, Mr. Bourquin is a rare acquisition to the city. Fine clocks speak for the proprietor's taste and good judgment. The people of Horton appreciate him in their midst. Established in May, 1888, he has developed and enlarged his trade. Watch repairing is his specialty. Carrying a stock of \$1,500, the customer who would fail to find something to suit his wishes here would indeed be hard to please.

Schnable & Co.—This firm consists of W. A. Schnable, of Horton, and Messrs. Muehlisen, of St. Joseph. The builder can find every-

thing at their yards, in quantities to suit, and at prices that force a sale. In St. Joseph no house is higher than this, and the people of Horton are to be congratulated that they have in their midst a firm of the character of W. A. Schnable & Co. They employ six men, a larger force than any house in the line here. Mr. Schnable is a native of York, Pa., a member of the K. of P., and before engaging in lumber was operator and compositor in a large printing house in Chicago.

"Bee Hive," Alfred Verssue, Flour and Feed.—The "Bee Hive" as a flour and feed store is familiar to all who keep horses in and about the city. Only the best grades of flour and finest qualities of feed are kept. Mr. Verssue also deals in groceries and notions. He occupies a one-story frame building, 18x26. Born in France, he was formerly in the clothing business in Leadville, Colo., for two years, engaging in the drug trade there at the same time. Three years Mr. Verssue was engaged in prospecting, with varied success, prior to moving to this city, where he intends to remain.

The Magic City Hotel and Restaurant, Christ. Miller, Proprietor.—Among the German element there is nothing more appreciated than the Magic City Hotel and Restaurant, where, at all hours, can be obtained a good meal and a good clean bed, with attentive waiters. The rates are one dollar per day, and lower for regular boarders. Mr. Miller has in his two-story frame building nine sleeping rooms, and the dining-room easily seats fifty persons. This gentleman was born in Germany, came to this country in 1880, engaging in general merchandising here for nine months before opening his hotel.

L. L. Merrill, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—Came from Hiawatha here three years ago and started in this line, in which he has acquired a nice business. He also furnishes abstracts and pays taxes for non-residents. He is well acquainted with the values of land in and around Horton. He was long in the restaurant business in this State, but finds his present line more agreeable and profitable. He can loan money to all borrowers at reasonable rates and insure property in the best companies. By way of relaxation he belongs to the Odd Fellows and K. of P.

Robert Scheloske, Sash, Doors and Blinds.—Mr. Scheloske occupies a large and well-adapted building for his business, sixty feet square, containing all modern machinery. He carries an extensive stock of sash, blinds and doors, making his mill headquarters. Rare is it to find such an energetic young man, whose influence is felt both far and near. He has five skilled workmen, who are in sympathy with their employer. Since opening up he has retained a large trade heretofore dependent upon outside houses, and the universal verdict seems to be that no other firm makes better goods. Mr. S. is a native of the Keystone State, and an important aid to the enterprise of our city.

Hotel Windsor.—Messrs. Van Curen & Russell, proprietors of the Windsor, were fortu-

nate in their choice of a location for a first-class hotel, and in the two years since their doors were opened this house has been the stopping place for thousands. Busses are run to all trains, and large sample rooms are provided for commercial men. Electric lights are found throughout this hotel, which contains twenty-three bed-rooms, furnished in the best manner, and with spring beds. Five attendants add to the comfort of the guests. The dining-room seats comfortably forty persons. The hotel is a three-story brick, and admirably suited to the purpose for which it is used. Mr. Van Curen was born in Missouri, and formerly clerked both here and at Marysville, Mo., in the grocery business. Mr. Russell is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, a K. of P., and by trade a stonecutter. Both these gentlemen know how to keep a hotel, and every one who stops here once is sure to tell his friends of the pleasant hours spent under its hospitable roof.

J. W. Curran.—"Dress, like money, oft makes the man, the want of it the fellow," and he who would pass by J. W. Curran's tailoring establishment without going in and examining his stock of English, French, German and Domestic suitings would do a positive injury to himself, for Curran's fits around this section are proverbial for their adaptability to the form. Under no circumstances will he allow anything to go out of his shop unless perfect in every

way. By so doing Mr. Curran holds his trade, and to go to his place once is to go there again. From Yorkshire, England, his birthplace, Mr. Curran came to this country in 1867, and has all his life been a tailor. The store is 20x40 feet, workshop 23x24, seven competent tailors being employed.

"The Commercial," Sherdeman & McManigal.—*The Commercial*, the official city paper, was established October, 1887, and from the start was favorably received. Democratic in its principles, it has a circulation of 760. The proprietors are live men and employ three printers in their establishment. Mr. J. S. Sherdeman is a native of Pennsylvania and a Mason, K. of P. and Odd Fellow. He has a dry goods house at Fontinelle, Iowa, and was formerly post master there. Clyde McManigal was born at Jacksonville, Pa., is a Mason, Odd Fellow, and all his life has been in the printing business.

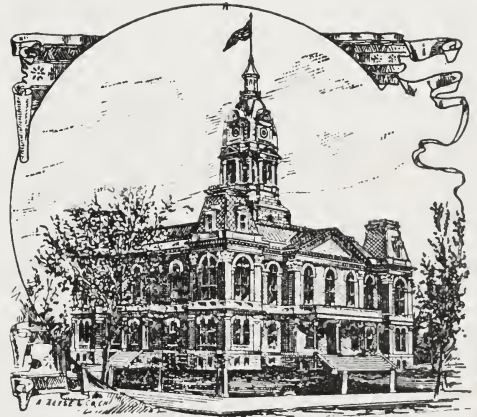
Dr. T. H. Wetzel.—Electricity has been demonstrated to possess healing powers of no small force. Among the leading exponents of the benefits to be derived from the use of electricity is Dr. T. H. Wetzel. As a physician and surgeon, he has attained a good practice and many warm friends, in the two years he has been located in our midst. He is a native of Michigan, and a graduate of the Eclectic College, New York City.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON COUNTY is in the great corn, fruit and tame grass belt of the West, the fertile region which has always produced an abundance of all the leading agricultural products and has known no failure of crops. While the year 1887 was most destructive to the crop interest of the State generally, and especially to the Southwestern and Central or "Golden Belt" country tributary to the Smoky Hill, yet that part of Northern Kansas tributary to the Big and Little Blue produced sufficient to supply their own wants and to spare for their less favored neighbors of the West and South. The abundance of clear, pure water, the certainty of the crops, the stretches of timber that have grown up like magic along the streams and rivers, affording fuel and shelter from the winds, have contributed to make a paradise for the farmer, fruit grower and stockman, and aside from the immense stock interests of our own people, it has invited the attention of the ranchmen, who have found here feeding ground for the vast herds of cattle from Wyoming, and as well the "long horns" from Texas and the Territory. Dairy farming with us is still in its infancy, but the immense and sure growth of all tame grasses makes the advantages for that industry most complete.

Examine our State Crop Report for 1889, and you will find that the valley of the beautiful Blue shows up almost like an "oasis in the desert," and reminds us of the remembrance of Providence for this favored region which has

become the banner agricultural county of the world. Located out of reach of the hot winds of the Southwest, and having a delightful climate.



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Washington, the county seat of the "banner" corn, stock and tame grass county of Kansas, extends a cordial invitation to people desiring a home in a substantial and enterprising city of three thousand population, largely American. It is situated on the Missouri Pacific and Burlington & Missouri Railways. The Kansas City,

Lawrence & Nebraska will also build through the city, which will complete the links of a trunk line from the Gulf and Southern seaboard to the great cattle ranges of Wyoming and Montana.

The fine prospects for coal, gas, artesian well and salt beds, which are rapidly being investigated and developed by our public spirited citizens, will make Washington a manufacturing, commercial and railroad center of Northern Kansas.

It has six churches, fine graded schools, a forty thousand dollar court house all paid for, electric lights, beautiful homes, solid business houses, two railroads, and not a dollar of debt. This year will be built a city hall; they will go two thousand feet, if necessary, into the earth for good coal or gas, and build a large number of business houses and residences. The people want good farmers, fruit-raisers, dairymen and stock-raisers to come here and get rich. If you are coming West you will find friends in Washington City and County. It never had a boom and never wants one, but they guarantee safe and satisfactory investments for all. The country raised as good corn, oats, fruit, tame grasses, etc., in 1889, as were ever raised in any place, and the prospects for 1890 are grand. It never had a failure of crops, and it has the cheapest land in Kansas, considering that the country is twenty-five years old and in the best and safest part of the best State in the world.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WASHINGTON.

Stackpole & Tobey, Bankers.—Foremost among the banking institutions of this section of the country we mention Messrs. Stackpole & Tobey. Established April 10, 1885. A very extensive general banking business is done; also they negotiate first mortgage loans on improved farms and city property and buy and sell real estate. Correspondence is solicited. Messrs. Stackpole & Tobey are the agents in this city for Bradstreets' Commercial Agency. They have also the controlling interest in the Greenleaf State Bank of Kansas. Messrs. S. & T. are natives of Thomaston, Me., and are Freemasons. They were masters of ships for seventeen and fourteen years respectively, first in the New Orleans and Liverpool, and then in the California trade. Their success in life is the reward of ability and integrity. They take a leading part in all matters advanced for the material and moral good of the community, and are considered among those upon whose shoulders rests the future welfare of Washington.

People's Drug Store, Dr. Chas. Williamson, Proprietor.—In compiling an industrial review of this prosperous city, a position of prominence should be accorded the drug house of Dr. Chas. Williamson, established in 1886. The store is 30x60 feet, and is a fine stone structure. One experienced assistant is employed. The usual line of drugs and articles carried by a first-class house are constantly on hand. In

the prescription department, special attention is given to accuracy. Dr. Williamson was born in England, but came to this country when thirty-two years of age. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F., and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the Civil War with merit. The Doctor devotes himself thoroughly to his work, and in consequence has achieved a great success.

"The New Regulator," Beach & Putt, Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc.—This enterprise was established Feb. 2, 1889, and from that date the trade has been brisk and voluminous. A complete assortment of dry goods, clothing, carpets, hats, caps, boots and shoes, is constantly kept on hand. The well-appointed premises consist of a two-story brick structure, 23x100 feet. Five hands are employed to meet the demands of a substantial patronage. There are three branch houses: L. F. Beach & Co., Joliet, Ill.; Beach & Starr, Clay Center, Kas.; Beach & Rischel, Council Grove, Kas. Mr. Beach was born in New York. He is a Mason, and has had thirty years' experience in the business. Mr. Putt was born in Illinois, in which State he was in the dry goods business. He is an A. O. U. W. This firm's high standing is due to their energy, perseverance and ability.

Whitney & Co., Lumber Dealers.—The firm of Whitney & Co. have a large share of the public's patronage, and one can always find in stock at their yards all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, posts, shingles, lime and lath, in quantity and at prices that will suit. Although this firm has been established only since October 19, 1888, yet the sales have been large and steadily increasing, thus showing the possibilities that are in store for the future trade. Mr. Whitney was born in New York State, but has lived West since 1872, and for fourteen years has been engaged in this business. Mr. Whitney is a member of the K. of P., finding time to attend as well to the social as the business affairs of life, and doing both successfully.

S. A. Varney, Hardware, etc.—In compiling the industries of Washington, there are certain controlling staples which exercise a vital influence upon her reputation and trade, and hardly any occupy this position more prominently than the hardware trade. Mr. S. A. Varney was established Oct. 7, 1889. He is the successor to Messrs. Parrish & Sprake, who succeeded J. M. Welsh. The store is one of the handsomest in Kansas, being a brick and stone structure, two stories and basement, 24x90 feet. An immense stock of hardware, stoves and queensware is carried. Owing to the excellence of the stock, and the moderate prices which prevail, this house has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity. Mr. Varney was born in Ohio, and raised in Wisconsin. He formerly was for eight years in the stock business in this State. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 12th Wisconsin Inf.

D. Parkinson & Co., Grocers.—"The food we eat" is a vitally important question, and one which concerns the health and happiness of every man, woman and child. One of the finest and best appointed grocery stores in this State is

that of D. Parkinson & Co., who were established March 4, 1881. The premises are 22½x96 feet, the interior being a model of system and convenience. The immense store room (formerly used as a skating rink) is 37x90 feet, and is used especially for salt, seed, etc. The stock, embraces everything in the line of fine and fancy groceries, provisions, flour, teas, coffees, etc.; a specialty is garden and farm seeds, of which, during the fall of 1889, they shipped five car loads. By general acknowledgment, this firm does the leading grocery business in this section. Their motto is, "We keep the best." Mr. D. Parkinson is a native of Michigan. He is a Mason, K. of P., A. O. U. W. and a Modern Woodman. The successful upbuilding and management of such houses as Parkinson & Co. is not alone to the proprietors, but to the credit of the community.

M. A. Waters, Clerk of District Court.—The popular clerk of the district court is a native of Iowa. In his earliest days he was for ten years here in one of the largest dry goods and clothing houses. He was appointed clerk Jan. 15, 1889, and performs his duties with attention and conscientiousness. He is an I. O. O. F., a K. of P., and belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and we would here state that the last-named lodge in Washington is known as the Waters Camp, a compliment of which Mr. Waters is truly deserving. He is one of the rising politicians and men of Kansas, and in every way has proved himself influential.

American Hotel, Chas. McGee, Proprietor.—The American Hotel, of this city, is one well known to the traveling public as possessing these home like advantages that are absent in so many other so-called hotels. It is centrally located on the southeast corner of the Public Square, and but a half block from the post office. A free 'bus runs to the depot. Spacious sample rooms are provided for the traveling men. The proprietor, Mr. McGee, has had this hotel five years. He employs eight persons to aid in caring for the guests. The number of bedrooms is twenty-five, well and comfortably furnished, while the dining room has a seating capacity for forty guests. Mr. McGee is a native Ohioan, and came to the West in 1853. Prior to his removal to Kansas he engaged in Illinois farming. As a Mason and hotel keeper, his motto is "to welcome the coming and speed the parting guest."

Dr. Bradley.—Prominent among the leading general practitioners and nose, throat and chest specialists of this State, is Dr. Bradley, established here six years. He is a native of New York. He graduated in 1882 from the Buffalo Medical College, and is an A. O. U. W. He is thoroughly skilled in his difficult and most important profession. He is a gentleman most popular in professional and social circles, and has justly secured a large and permanent patronage throughout the city and adjoining counties.

Kansas Market, Lawson & Hanes, Proprietors.—One of the most extensive meat markets in the State of Kansas, is the "Kansas Market," located on the southeast corner of the Square, established on Oct. 16, 1889. The prem-

ises are well arranged, 30x60 feet in dimensions, while the building is a fine two-story brick structure. This firm has justly gained a name for the freshness of its meats and sausages which come therefrom. The meat is moderate in price, and is carefully selected. Messrs. Lawson & Hanes are natives of Canada and Indiana, the former being an I. O. O. F., and having been raised in butchering. Both are eminently qualified for their business.

T. B. Fredenhall, Dry Goods, etc.—Among the successful dry goods and general merchandise houses here, that of T. B. Fredenhall occupies a prominent position. Established in '83, he brings to bear exceptional qualifications as regards experience, ability and influential connections. The store is 35x70 feet, stone, two stories. Six hands are employed. An excellent stock of staple and fancy dry goods, boots and shoes (a specialty), are constantly on hand, as well as gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps, at bed-rock prices. Mr. F. was born in Wisconsin, and was in Chicago for ten years, in the seed business. He is a Mason.

Hambleton & Allison, Confectionery, Groceries, Etc.—Among the leading establishments of this city is that of Hambleton & Allison, established February 4, 1889. The premises occupied are 12x30 feet. They deal in confectionery, groceries, fruit, tobacco, cigars, etc. The excellent stock is of the best quality, and moderate in price. W. C. Hambleton, and his partner, J. L. Allison, are natives of Ohio, the former being by trade a carpenter. They belong to the Sons of Veterans. By able management, they have reared a large and fast increasing business, and won the respect of a numerous patronage.

First National Bank.—In ancient Greece and Rome the business of banking reached a high state of development, the bankers exercising nearly the same functions as those of today. The First National is the oldest bank in the county, having been organized in 1883, and has since done a prosperous business. The capital stock paid in is \$50,000, the surplus being \$10,000. Mr. J. S. Long, president, was born in Pennsylvania, and has lived in Kansas thirty-five years, being one of the State's pioneer settlers. Mr. J. F. Horning, vice president, is a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. O. S. Long was born in Michigan, but has lived in Doniphan County, Kas., six years. Mr. J. O. Horning, assistant cashier, was born in Pennsylvania, and has been in the banking business upwards of four years. This bank ranks as an authority on financial questions, the officers being gentlemen of sterling financial integrity and ability.

D. Decker, Dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats.—On August 8th, 1888, there was opened in this city, by D. Decker, a market for the sale of fresh and salt meats, to keep nothing but the best the stock market afforded. Before entering the meat business Mr. Decker was engaged in farming, but finding the labors of the farm tiresome, and in many years profitless, concluded to go into his present business, which has been so much more successful than he had expected that it was soon found necessary for him to have the services of two assistants. His market is a

one-story frame building, 30x50, which gives him ample room. Mr. D. is a native of Ohio, and a good man of business.

T. C. Edington & Co., Boots and Shoes.—A leading concern of its kind is that of T. C. Edington & Co., established six years. The premises are 25x50 feet. A complete assortment of ladies', misses', gents' and children's boots and shoes is carried. This firm is agent for the best productions of the leading manufacturers. Mr. Edington is a native of Ohio, and has lived chiefly in Illinois. By his own unaided efforts he has brought this business to a high standard.

J. A. Brown, Drugs.—This house was established in 1872; and is particularly interesting, Mr. Brown being the oldest druggist and merchant in town. The well-appointed store is a two-story brick structure, 24x70 feet. There may be found at all times fresh drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, wall paper, books, paints, oils, window-glass and druggists' sundries. Mr. Brown and his experienced help are thoroughly skilled in the compounding of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes. Mr. B. is a native of Ohio, serving his country in the late war in the 50th Ohio Inf. He has always been identified with the most prominent business men here.

J. H. Cooksey, Harness.—There are few concerns here which can lay claim to more general recognition than that of J. H. Cooksey, established in '81. His store is 20x50 feet. He makes a specialty of the manufacture of fine saddles, harness of every kind, and repairing, which is done thoroughly and promptly. He was born in Virginia, and came west in '76. Mr. Cooksey is a Good Templar and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 31st Iowa Inf. Since starting he has enjoyed a remunerative and steadily growing trade.

Chicago Lumber Co., J. C. Getts, Manager.—Among the enterprises which form the basis of commercial wealth of this trade mart, is the world-renowned Chicago Lumber Co., of which Mr. J. C. Getts is the manager. Mr. G. has been in the retail lumber business seven years. He is an Odd Fellow. He was born in Wisconsin. Before going into lumber he farmed in Iowa. He is an energetic and thorough business man, who, by unusual sagacity, has achieved a signal success for this company.

G. A. Stockwell, Dealer in Farming Tools of all Kinds, Wagons, Buggies, Pumps, Etc.—One of the finest business houses in Washington is the two-story stone block in which are located the two stores occupied by G. A. Stockwell. These stores are respectively 24x70, and 22x85 in size; was established four years since, and from the first has been a leading industry in the city. Mr. Stockwell was born in Vermont, formerly engaged in farming for three years, and also in general merchandising. For several years prior to removing to Kansas, he was at the head of the New Jersey Business College, in Newark, N. J. He employs three competent salesmen to attend to the many orders that are being received from the surrounding country. Mr. Stockwell's influence is felt throughout this

entire community, and no one possesses those qualities so much needed by the successful business man as the subject of this sketch.

E. B. Fox & Co., Pharmacists and Druggists.—Although they have been in the business here but three years, Messrs. Fox are doing a trade of which many older houses might be proud. Their stocks require two floors, each 25x110 feet, in a fine brick building. They carry a very full line of drugs, medicines, etc., employ one assistant in the store, and also do a large business in wall decoration and paper hanging, which requires the services of two paper hangers. The firm consists of father and son. E. B. Fox, the son, was born in Highland, Kas., and is one of Washington's foremost business men, a prominent Mason, and received his pharmaceutical education in Chicago, having served five years in business there. The father, G. G. Fox, is a native of New York State, and lives in Highland, Kas.

D. M. Evans, Sheriff.—Is a native of Kentucky, and is well calculated to perform the onerous duties of his office, this being his second term of office. He also does the largest auctioneering business in this city, having been in the business ten years. He is also a real estate dealer. In his early days he farmed. During the war he served with credit in the 23d Kentucky Inf. He belongs to the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., is now master workman, and was last year commander of Kearny Post No. 5, at Washington, Kas. No one more deservedly enjoys the confidence of the community.

W. G. Lytle, Jeweler; Specialty, Repairing Fine Watches and Engraving.—While new to the trade here, starting March, 1889, Mr. Lytle is skilled in his business as the twelve years he has followed it will testify, and in his line he has no superior hereabouts. With a store 20x50 feet, filled with a neat and tasty stock of goods, the trade enjoyed since locating here has been above his expectations. Mr. Lytle is a native of Iowa, and an important addition to Washington.

Geo. H. Cullimore, Hardware and Stoves.—This store has been familiar to all for the past ten years, not alone for the fine stock, but also for the good work that is done by Mr. Cullimore in repairing and job work, tin roofing and guttering, in which he is well assisted by a practical tinner. He carries a fine line of heating and cooking stoves. His tinware is mostly handmade, thus is reliable and superior to the cheap goods made at the factories. His store is 25x60 feet. Mr. C. was born in Illinois, and is one of Washington's most worthy citizens.

J. M. Ingersoll, Real Estate.—The extensive real estate business of Mr. J. M. Ingersoll was established in September, 1889. He came here from Keokuk, Iowa, and is now regarded as a leader in his avocation. Mr. Ingersoll is proprietor of the Ingersoll Shirt Factory, of this city, at which from 10 to 22 hands are employed, and where 50 shirts are turned out a day. They manufacture everything in the line for the trade and individuals. All work re-enforced and double seamed. Work cut and made to order.

and satisfaction guaranteed. Mr. Ingersoll has been in the shirt business most of his life. He was formerly also in the real estate business in Iowa.

Erb's Livery Stables.—The livery of Mr. Erb was originally established by him in 1880, after which he went out of the business for two years, starting again on January 1, 1889. The premises consist of a very handsome brick structure, 60x55 feet. A general livery, boarding and sale business is done; twenty-two head of horses are constantly on hand, and there are thirty-four roomy stalls. Every care and attention is given to private teams, and first-class conveyances are furnished. Mr. Erb was born in Lancaster County, Pa. He is an A. O. U. W. and a Select Knight and a K. of P., and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in Co. E, of the 79th Penn. Inf., and in the 1st division of the 3d brigade of the 14th Army Corps. He was formerly favorably known here in the meat business, and as deputy sheriff.

W. W. Stewart, Groceries.—Established now three years, has his ample premises stocked with a comprehensive assortment of flour, provisions, table luxuries and everything usually carried in a first-class grocery. Mr. S. was born in New York, and has lived in Kansas twenty-two years. He formerly farmed, and was some time in the grain and stock business in Nemaha County. He is a Good Templar and is known for dealing squarely with all.

W. S. Runkle, Physician and Surgeon.—A man known by his skill and success, is W. S. Runkle, physician and surgeon. The doctor's birthplace was in New Jersey, and he first read medicine with Dr. Sullivan, a celebrated physician of Ohio. In 1873 he was graduated from the Midland Medical College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his first years of practice were in that city. A reader and thinker, Dr. Runkle keeps himself abreast of the times, and subscribes to many medical journals. A member of the lodge of Odd Fellows, Dr. Runkle is admired for his social manners.

J. W. Allibone, Abstracter, Etc.—An enterprising gentleman, engaged in abstracting and examining titles, is Mr. J. W. Allibone, established four years. He is a native of Minnesota, and possesses abstracts to all lands and town lots in Washington County, made direct from the records. He is an A. O. U. W., and formerly farmed in his native State. Mr. Allibone has conducted his business with great success, and is numbered among the representative men of Washington.

O. L. Hutchings, Photographer.—The photographer's studio of to-day is a veritable art gallery, and from its walls look down elegant copies of the works of the great masters. It matters not whether the day is bright or dark, fine pictures are always the result. A leading master of the art is O. L. Hutchings, who, coming here two years ago, has built up a fine business, his photographs having gained fame for their fidelity to nature and beauty of finish. He

also works in crayon, ink and water color. Mr. H. has also a gallery at Greenleaf. His gallery is of large size, 23x75 feet, well arranged and lighted, necessitating the services of one assistant. A native of Indiana, Mr. H. has been all his life in this business, and has kept in the front by always taking up all new inventions for facilitating and improving work, Washington being especially favored in having him.

W. Calvet, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler.—Having been in the watchmaking and jewelry business all his life, there is hardly anyone better fitted for this business than Mr. Calvet. With a thorough knowledge of the construction of a watch, an expert mechanic, his work is always well and carefully done. His store has a fine assortment of all kinds of watches and jewelry. A native of France, Mr. Calvet has been a resident of this country seventeen years and of Holton six years. The charges for repair work are low and satisfaction always guaranteed.

Washington House.—This hotel was opened in 1888. It has eighteen bed-rooms; dining-room seats thirty-five, and the spacious hall on the second floor can be used for extra beds if necessary. Three hands are employed; a free 'bus is run to all trains. The house is well located, opposite the City Hall and opera house. Rates \$1 per day or \$4 a week. Mr. W. E. Nims, the proprietor, is of German descent, and was born in Pennsylvania. He formerly was engaged in rolling-mills in Pennsylvania, and was here a carpenter. His house is headquarters of the G. A. R.

Washington Marble Works, J. M. Root & Co., Proprietors.—In the ten years this firm has been doing business in this city, their reputation for fine work and delicacy of sculpture have been steadily on the increase. Monuments are their specialty; they employ four practical stonecutters. Their monuments adorn all the cemeteries of this section. Mr. Root is a native of Ohio, an I. O. O. F., and was formerly a merchant in Iowa. His son was born in Iowa, and is an I. O. O. F. and K. of P. Mrs. Root, the wife of J. M., is a member of the W. R. C.

J. G. Lowe, Attorney.—Is one of our oldest settlers, having resided here eighteen years. He was born in Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in July, 1870, in Iowa. He is a leading Democrat. Six years ago he was elected State Representative from this strong Republican county. In detail of preparation for the court house he leaves no stone unturned, and during his long residence here has played an active part in the furtherance of Washington's progress.

D. A. Ward & Son, Furniture and Funeral Supplies.—This enterprise has been established eleven years, and occupies handsome premises consisting of a fine brick and stone structure, two stories and basement, 24x90. The stock embraces all varieties of parlor, dining-room, chamber, library and office furniture, carpets, oil cloths, window shades; a large under-

taking business is also done. Messrs. D. A. and E. A. Ward, father and son, are natives of Massachusetts, the former being a Mason, and was formerly in the same business at Hiawatha, Kas.

Central House, R. E. Foote, Proprietor.—This house, established fourteen years, is regarded as the best hotel. Colonel Foote has been in this business since 1864. He keeps his

house entirely for commercial men. It is a three-story structure. Nine hands are employed; the dining-room will seat seventy. The *cuisine* is the house's special attraction, two men being employed throughout the winter to kill game for the table. Colonel Foote was born in New York; came here from Milwaukee. He served in the army four months in the 1st Wisconsin. He is well assisted by his son.

GREENLEAF.

GREENLEAF, Kansas, a flourishing railroad town, is located near the center of Washington County, in the great Blue Valley of Northern Kansas. It is situated on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, one hundred and thirteen miles west of Atchison, on the through route to Denver; seventy-eight miles northwest of Topeka, on the line of the K. C. L. & N. R. R., now being built. It is the first division west of the Missouri River, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and will be of the new road.

It was laid out in 1877, at the time the railroad was built through the county; the division headquarters were established in May, 1878, since which time the town has had a steady growth, but at no time has it outgrown or even kept up with the rapid and substantial development of the country surrounding it, which is largely devoted to raising corn, hogs and cattle, but also raises large quantities of fruits and vegetables, both of which the soil and climate is well adapted to.

Greenleaf was laid out in 1877; incorporated as a city of the third class in August, 1879, and has a population of about thirteen hundred. It has a good graded school, employing four teachers, a public library, four churches, an opera house, two grain elevators, a steam creamery and cheese factory, and has one of the best systems of water works to be found in the State, which, owned by the city, is a source of considerable public revenue, the railroad company paying into the treasury at the rate of over twelve hundred dollars per year for its supply of water alone.

The quality of the water at Greenleaf is such as is found at but few places in the United States, and the town being situated on high, rolling ground, with perfect drainage, supplemented by a climate unsurpassed in the world, makes it one of the healthiest locations on the American Continent.

Greenleaf, and the country surrounding it, can truthfully be said to present advantages equal to that of any point in Northern Kansas. Lands of the best quality can be purchased at low prices, and on easy terms. A failure of crops never occurs here. The town is young, vigorous, progressive and prosperous, and offers excellent opportunities, either for business enterprise or speculation.

If you want a home in a good country, surrounded by all the advantages of an advanced civilization, come to Greenleaf, in Washington County, Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GREENLEAF.

Greenleaf State Bank.—In reviewing the commercial resources of any city, a first position should be accorded its banks. The Greenleaf State Bank was chartered under the laws of the State July 12, 1886, the paid-in capital being \$30,000. Since then it has received a liberal patronage from the best city and suburban custom. It does a general banking business; also negotiates first mortgage loans on improved farms and city property. Real estate bought and sold, and correspondence solicited. The bank building is an ornate structure of massive stone. The president is Mr. F. W. Stackpole, a native of Maine, who spent twenty years of his life as a sea captain, as also did his brother-in-law, Mr. W. J. Tobey, cashier, also born in Maine. Mr. W. B. Flint was elected vice president January 1, 1889, and resides in New York. Mr. G. G. Goodwin, assistant cashier, was born in Montpelier, Vt., and has had five years' experience in the banking business. He was educated in Vermont, where he entered a bank at the age of twenty-one.

Woodford Bros., General Merchandise.—Greenleaf is well represented by a number of responsible houses devoted to general merchandise. One of the most reliable is that of Woodford Bros., which was established September 13, 1888. It occupies a one story and a half frame building, 28x70 feet. They keep a complete stock of everything in the line of dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, clothing, groceries, etc., and sell them at the most reasonable prices. C. H. Woodford was born in Indiana; he is an old soldier and a member of the G. A. R. post of this place. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows, K. of P. and the A. O. U. W. C. L. Woodford is a native of Ohio, a member of the Masons and K. of P. They are also agents for the celebrated "Uji tea" from the far-famed Uji tea district of China, a tea peculiarly superior in strength and taste, and delightful in flavor.

C. W. Young, Dealer in Grain, Coal and Farm Implements.—C. W. Young's establishment, which was founded under the firm name of Young Bros., in 1883, is headquarters for everything in the line of grain, hay, coal and agricultural implements. The premises utilized

comprise a warehouse, 20x50 feet, and an elevator, all owned by Mr. Young. He buys and sells grain, paying the highest prices for it, at his elevator; he carries all kinds of hard and soft coal; his stock of farming implements consists of plows, cultivators, cornplanters and all useful machinery. Mr. Young, in 1888, bought out the interest of his brother, and is now sole proprietor of one of the most valuable properties in this section of the country. He was born in Wisconsin, but has lived in this State a number of years, devoting all of his energies to the interests of his patrons.

J. W. Werner, Harness, Saddles, Etc.—A trustworthy house is that of J. W. Werner, established in 1883. Mr. Werner occupies a building 16x30 feet, where he manufactures and deals in harness, saddles, bridles, whips, etc. His prices are as low as is often paid for goods of inferior manufacture. A practical man, everything is executed under his supervision, thus affording a guarantee that all work shall be perfect. Mr. Werner was born in Germany, and before coming to Kansas lived thirty years in Wisconsin, where he was engaged in his present business and also in farming. He is a member of the Masonic order. He has associated with him his son, an industrious and rising young man.

J. W. Bliss, Postmaster.—Is a native of Massachusetts, came west young and served in the army in the 2d Nebraska Cav. He was 20 years merchandising in that state. As postmaster he is the right man in the right place. He edits the *Greenleaf Journal*, one of the finest Republican organs in the State. He was formerly in the real estate business here. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F., and is first commander of the G. A. R. post here. During his mayoralty many improvements were effected in the city.

Etta W. Chamberlin, Fashionable Milliner.—Miss Chamberlin has the only millinery store in town, and consequently does a very flourishing business. Her store was established three years ago, and occupies a building 15x40 feet. She employs an assistant for the dress-making department. Miss Chamberlain is a native of Nebraska, and has lived in this city eleven years. Previous to engaging in millinery she was six years in the dress-making business. The latest styles are always to be found at this establishment, and for original designs she cannot be beaten. Also a fine stock of ladies' fine dress goods, patterns, notions, etc., are kept.

H. T. Mattern, Tinner and Plumber.—In this business Mr. Mattern is recognized as the leader in the city. He established in 1888 and occupies a building 20x40 feet. Mr. Mattern is a native of Texas and worked at his trade there. Combining a practical knowledge of the tinner's and plumber's trade, and carrying a full line of these supplies, he is closely identified with the progress of Greenleaf.

F. L. Joslyn, Attorney.—Read law with Hon. Geo. C. Brownell, of Frankfort, Kas., and was admitted in Marshall County, in 1882. Mr.

Joslyn makes a specialty of commercial law and collections, and has a lucrative practice. He is a native of Illinois, and has lived in this State nine years. He is a Modern Woodman and Odd Fellow. He is the best lawyer here, and in the many cases he has had, has evinced a marked ability. He also does a general insurance business, representing the North British Mercantile, St. Paul and Commercial Union.

D. C. Roney, Undertaking, Wall Paper and Window Shades.—This establishment during its two years' existence has obtained a steadfast reputation for good taste and filling its obligations. The premises consist of three rooms in a building 20x40 feet. Mr. Roney was born in Pennsylvania, was in the furniture business at Bainbridge, Ohio, and came to Kansas four years ago, and has preserved a name for fair dealing and low prices.

J. R. Pruden, General Merchandise.—This establishment was founded ten years ago, and



now contains as fine a stock of dry goods, groceries, shoes, hats and caps as is seen anywhere. The premises comprise a one-story frame, 25x60 feet, the trade necessitating the services of two clerks. Mr. P. is a native of Indiana, is a Mason and a resident of Kansas nineteen years. He also has a harness establishment at Washington, Kansas, and owns a large farm near this city.

The Truesdell House.—Established eight years ago, and is one of the substantial institutions of the county. Its rates are \$1 and \$1.25 a day, and no better table or attention can be found for the price. Mr. W. H. Truesdell is a native of Massachusetts, and was nine years in the hotel business in Belvidere, Ill. After he came to Kansas he ran the hotel at Waterville two years, and before occupying the present house ran the Pomeroy House with his customary success.

Pomeroy House.—In Col. W. A. Woodworth, proprietor of the Pomeroy House, Greenleaf has one of the best hotel men in the country. The house dates back ten years. It is a two-story frame structure, situated near the depot; has twenty bed-rooms, sample rooms, and large dining-room. Travelers never find an opportunity for grumbling, as thirty years in the business has made the Colonel a model landlord. Recently he refurnished and repainted the house. Col. W. was born in Rochester, Lorain County, Ohio, where his father settled as a pioneer. He was at one time a railroad conductor, when he acquired a large circle of friends.

Jerry Lewis, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—This business was started a little over a year ago, and furnishes as handsome turnouts as can be found in this section, eleven horses,

and nice carriages and buggies being always at the public service. Mr. Lewis was born in Illinois; was some time in livery in Nebraska, and is an old liveryman. His stables are open day and night.

B. T. Spradling, City Drug Store.—The popular drug store of B. T. Spradling was founded in 1880. The premises comprise a one-story frame building, 20x50 feet, where may be found pure drugs, medicines, chemicals, &c. Prescriptions are carefully compounded. Mr. Spradling is a native of Illinois, and was for many years employed in the drug business in the City of Chicago. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, Masons and K. of P. fraternities, and is a gentleman who stands high in the community generally, and is respected by all who know him.

CLIFTON.

THE word "Clifton," when spoken to any one who lives, or has lived, within a distance of twenty miles from that place, has an inspiring effect, and why?

1. Because it is the home of an industrious, intelligent and enterprising class of people, who have always made an effort to make their town a city of some credit to the counties in which it is located, and one that our State may be proud of.

2. Because it is a central business point, and, in the way of business, cannot be surpassed or excelled by any towns near it.

With these two principal reasons, the writer will not take more space in the line of argument which could be drawn out to fill an entire volume, but being desirous to tell where and what Clifton is, will leave the rest to the better judgment of the reader.

Clifton is a beautiful city, of about eight hundred souls, located on the Republican River Valley, in the Counties of Clay and Washington, perhaps the larger portion in Washington County. Clifton was a trading point, and had a post office in an early day in the history of Kansas, Mr. Funnell, Sr., being for years the merchant and post master, and at present he is leading a retired life, while his sons are engaged in business—four in number, all in the city. The growth and development of Clifton was very slow, till after the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroads extended their lines westward from Junction City and Atchison, and both passing through Clifton in the year 1877.

From this time on Clifton has been developing and inviting new business enterprises, but at the same time has had a rival town to compete with, not more than half a mile west of the business center of Clifton. Its growth, though rapid, was substantial, not being built as was the house on the sand, but rather like the one that was built on a solid rock.

The year 1884, the influential citizens thought it necessary to incorporate the town into a city, and after a little labor and effort being made, it was incorporated, and the first city election held

May 24, 1884, and the first mayor was J. W. Chadwick, a prominent young lawyer. Clifton has always selected discreet and talented men for its mayors, the names which are given are as follows: J. W. Chadwick, N. B. Needham, T. M. Dolan, C. C. Funnell and John Shea. Since the incorporation the city has made wonderful improvements, in the way of sidewalks, streets and drainage system. Morally, it is a model town, and a large per cent of its people are a church-going people, and ardent supporters of church and Sunday school. It has three church edifices, viz.: Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, each represented by earnest and able divines.

Educationally, Clifton can justly boast of having one of the best schools in the two counties, and has the reputation of sending out more teachers each year, who are fast rising to eminence. Many of the young men who are now in the busy avocations of some business enterprise, owe their merits of success to an education obtained in the Clifton high schools.

Clifton, as a marketing place, has a wide reputation as being one of the best places to sell produce and buy goods of any town on the great Republican Valley, and for this reason it has kept up its business interests, while other towns have suffered the reactions of some town booms. In the year 1887, the famous Rock Island Railroad laid its track from Kansas City, Mo., to Denver, Col., passing through the already famous railroad city, thus making it a much better place and on a main line from Denver, Col., to Chicago, Ill. There is no town in Northern Kansas better supplied with railroads than Clifton. It also has a very rich farming country surrounding it, which is ever a source of blessing, and the farming class of people do not know what it is to get small crops and low prices for products. Until the fall of 1889, Clifton has been deprived of a large and rich portion of country lying south, and separated from the city by the Republican River, but many of the far-seeing citizens and business men saw that by having a bridge across the river, trade would be

increased and valuation of property enhanced. The bridge was built, thus giving good facilities and access to the city.

A synopsis of the business enterprises is as follows: Two banks, four general stores, two hardware stores, one furniture store, two drug stores, one lumber and coal yard, one jewelry store, two millinery stores, one book store, two large implement houses, two newspapers, one harness shop, two shoe shops, two real estate and loan offices, two large hotels, two restaurants, two meat markets, one wagon shop, two dealers in pumps and windmills, three livery barns, three large grain elevators, one farmers' shipping association, one flour and feed store, one flour exchange, two barber shops, one fence factory, one photograph gallery, one large dairy, one steam laundry, one poultry and produce establishment, and Western Union city telegraph office. Among the professional men are three practicing physicians, one veterinary surgeon, one dentist, two attorneys at law, three ministers, and one music teacher.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CLIFTON.

Schiltz Bros. & Co., Farm Machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Wire, Etc.—The best concern in Clifton is that of the Schiltz Bros. & Co. It was established in February, 1888. The buildings occupied are 32x100 feet, and a wide warehouse surrounded by spacious platforms. They carry on an extensive business in wagons and buggies, supplying the country with the best in the market. Their farm machinery includes the latest improved reapers, mowers, cultivators, grain drills, corn planters, stalk cutters, etc. In fact, everything that is needed in the cultivation of a farm may be purchased here. The firm is composed of Schiltz Bros., of Clay Center, and of P. Bisenius and Louis Isterman, of Clifton. They are natives of Germany. The entire property of the establishment belongs to those gentlemen, but it is in the management of Mr. Louis Isterman. He is also a German by birth; was born in Berlin. His ability and integrity have won for the firm their wide reputation and a patronage that is not equaled by another firm in the county in their line. Previous to his entering the firm, he traveled ten years for an Illinois factory. He is a Mason and an A. O. U. W. and one of the pillars of Clifton.

Clifton State Bank.—Was organized July, 1886, on a capital of \$40,000, since when its sphere of operations has steadily extended. It makes a specialty of prompt collections. W. P. Rice, the president, is the well known Kansas capitalist; J. M. Dolan, vice president, was born in Ohio; he was sheriff of this county four years and is a successful merchant and farmer; Messrs. Henderson and Garcelon, cashier and assistant cashier, are natives of Maine, are energetic and reliable, just the men to run a bank for the mutual benefit of stockholders and public.

C. C. Funnell, Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Doors, Pickets, Mouldings Sash, Blinds, Etc.—Mr. Funnell belongs indeed to Clifton, and it might be truthfully said that Clifton was built out of his house. Down from some time in 1877 has been drawn the materials for the buildings erected here. All that is needed by the builder can be purchased at his yard. He is also an extensive dealer in coal, shipping from the Leavenworth, Colorado and Wyoming mines, and has benefited the people by procuring for them the best coal, at low prices. Mr. Funnell was born in England. He came to America in 1860. He has been back to England once, and and remained there over two years. Previous to entering this business he followed farming and railroading. He belongs to the Masonic and A. O. U. W. fraternities.

Bank of Clifton.—Was established in 1878, and is the oldest bank in the Republican Valley. It has a capital of \$60,000, and a surplus



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of \$5,000. Besides a large banking business, it makes real estate loans, negotiates loans, and represents leading insurance companies. The president, M. T. Southwick, is a native of New York. He has been in the banking business many years. The vice president, Mr. E. W. Snyder, is now president of the Manufacturers National Bank, Leavenworth, Kas., and Mr. C. W. Snyder, cashier, is also from New York, and has been ten years in the business. L. W. Oberhauser, assistant cashier, was born in Illinois, has been in the business five years; was formerly in the wholesale drug, and wholesale crockery. He belongs to the A. O. U. W.

The Clifton "Review," J. A. Branson, Editor and Proprietor.—On the 27th of February, 1879, the Clifton Review was established, a very important event, the paper having since been potent in promoting the principles of the Republican party. It is spicy and terse. Its circulation is one of the largest in Northern Kansas. Mr. Branson, the editor, is a native of Illinois. He is a lawyer by profession, having graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa, and was admitted to the bar in 1880, but does not practice. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and is quite a society favorite.

R. C. Miller, Attorney at Law.—Is one of the best read lawyers in the State, and an excellent judge of law. He was born in West Virginia and graduated in law at the University of Iowa. June 19, 1883, he was admitted before the Chief Justice of Iowa. He has a fine library. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is quite a society leader.

Caywood & Co., Grain Dealers.—Through the grain dealers hands passes the reward the farmer reaps for his industry; therefore is it pleasant to note a reliable firm in this line. Messrs. Caywood started in Vining in 1878, and in 1888 came over to Clifton. Their elevator is on the C. R. I. & P.; they ship mostly south and east. Mr. C. is a native of Kentucky, was formerly a farmer, the school in which our successful grain men are raised.

Shea & Prentice, General Merchandise and Produce Dealers.—In 1882, the firm of Shea & Prentice was organized. They occupy a two-story brick building, 30x90; keep a large force of clerks, and do an extensive business in dry goods; they have a large assortment of dress goods, clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, but they make a specialty of counter goods. The grocery department is complete, and to it they have added produce, being the



JOHN SHEA.

largest dealers in this latter line here. Mr. Shea, of this firm, is mayor of Clifton; was councilman three years; is vice president of the board of trade, and superintendent of the Sunday School. He was born in Orange County, N. Y.; was raised there. Went from there to Gardener, Ill., where he was a clerk for some time; from there he came to Clifton, about ten years ago. He belongs to the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Prentice was born in Ohio, is a member of the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W. They deal in corn very extensively, during the grain season, and usually keep 12,000 bushels on hand; the net profits of the business in 1888 was \$3,798.37, so that it is seen they do not waste their energies in profitless speculations.



W. F. PRENTICE.

Tyler & Tyler, Physicians and Surgeons.—Opened an office here nine years ago, and at once began an extensive practice, and have made for themselves the reputation of being among the best in this section of Kansas. They are both graduates of the Rush Medical College, Chicago. D. C. Tyler read in Illinois, under Dr. Chowning and Dr. Rathburn, of New Windsor, and Dr. Johnson, of Boston. He belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Select Knights of the A. O. U. W. F. P. Tyler read with the eminent surgeon, Dr. Judd, of Galesburg, Ills. He belongs to the A. O. U. W., and to the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W. These gentlemen are second cousins, and are natives of Illinois.

Baker & Rhodes, Carpenters and Contractors.—A new country needs the house builder more than any other man. Three years ago Baker & Rhodes established a shop here. Mr. Baker had come from Illinois, and had been a farmer; he is an I. O. O. F. Mr. Rhodes was from England; he has been in the United States four years; he belongs to the Ancient Order of Foresters, in England. This firm might, very properly, be called the builders of Clifton. They understand all the different styles of architecture, and can plan and construct any kind of building, being also reasonable in their charges.

City Meat Market, E. A. Marsh, Proprietor.—Leading among the meat men of Clifton is Mr. E. D. Marsh. He occupies a building 20x32. It was in 1884 that he began his business, and has conducted a large trade from the first. He buys entirely of the farmers, near Clifton, and knows what he gets, and gives the people everything at the lowest prices. Mr. Marsh was born in New York, and removed from there to Illinois, where he was engaged in farming. He fought through the late war, in Co. E, 95th Illinois Inf., and is a G. A. R.

The "Local News."—Is a welcome visitor at the homes of our people, being brimful of interesting reading matter, home news and sketches from the best writers. A job printing department is run in connection. L. A. Palmer, the editor and proprietor, was born in Pennsylvania January 15, 1865. He received his schooling and education in Clay County, and when twenty-one years of age started West. He spent one year in Western Kansas in the grain business. He taught school three years in Clay County. His paper is a fearless Republican organ, dealing with facts and not individuals or rings. Its history since it was started by Padgett Bros., has been full of the ordeals incumbent on journalism, but under its present management it stands out fighting for the right and the suppression of wrong.

Lewis Kreeck, Hardware, Barbed Wire, Tinware, Stoves, Roofing.—Was established in 1879, and occupies a brick store 20x114 feet. He makes a specialty of roofing. For a good stove many a housewife of Clifton has had to thank him. Mr. K. was born in Ohio. He is an A. O. U. W. He was formerly a clerk with C. C. Funnell, and has made his own business a great success.

W. C. Sanders, General Merchandise.—The house of W. C. Sanders is the leading millinery establishment in Clifton. He makes a specialty in that line, but keeps also dry goods, carpets, shoes, groceries, etc. The store is a two-story brick building, conveniently situated. Mr. Sanders established here two years ago, and formerly was in the same business in New York. He was born in the Bermuda Islands, but left there about thirty-five years ago, and came to America, where he has made considerable money. He has always been a merchant, and with millinery his specialty. He keeps a first-class trimmer, who turns work out in the most becoming styles.

A. Wangerien & Son, General Merchants.—The leading merchants of Vining are A. Wangerien & Son. They began business here in 1878, have two stores, one 20x70, two stories; the other 26x60. In the rear of the last is a warehouse 12x36. They carry an immense stock of general merchandise, and employ four clerks. The stock includes clothing, dress goods, boots and shoes, fancy articles, gloves, laces and embroideries, groceries, imported fruits, country produce, etc. Mr. A. Wangerien was born in Germany, but came to America as early as 1852. He is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W. This firm is steadfast and strong; never wavers from duty though it would be to their advantage.

MARYSVILLE.

If the reader will look at his map, he will notice in Central Nebraska, near the Platt River, the source of a stream called the Big Blue River. This stream runs in a southerly direction and pours its waters into the Kansas River at Manhattan, Kansas. The country drained by this stream is known as the Blue Valley, a country unrivaled for fertility and success in farm, stock and dairy productions; and, to use the expression of a noted traveler who examined it about a year ago, "Only equaled by the valleys of the Nile, in Africa, and the Yang-tse-Kiang, in China."

One peculiarity of this valley, that does not pertain to any other west of the Missouri River, is that its extent is from north to south, while the uniform rule in this Western country is that streams run from west to east, having their source in the dry country on the elevated plateau east of the Rocky Mountains, and, therefore, subject to be dry, or nearly so, at one season of the year, and to damaging freshets at another. The Big Blue, on the other hand, having its source in a country that is at all times plentifully supplied with rain, and then running due south, preserves at all times a uniform stage of water, thereby making it the best and in fact the only good mill stream in the whole country between the Missouri River and the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains. The volume of water is large, and it has been estimated that, if properly utilized, is ample to run all the machinery that can be crowded on its banks.

Marshall County has an area of 576,000 acres; was settled as early as 1849, and organized as a county in 1855. Twenty per cent of the county is valley and bottom land lying along the Big and Little Blue, and the Vermilion and minor streams. About 25,000 acres of native timber is well distributed along the streams, in pretty belts and groves of oak, ash, elm, walnut, hackberry, hickory, maple, box-elder, cottonwood, honey locust, sycamore, linden. Besides are several thousand acres of charming groves planted by the white man since he came here.

Blue and gray limestone are quarried in the county. The county boasts of more water power than any other in Kansas; the climate and natural drainage is all that could be desired.

The farmers of Marshall County claim they can grow everything produced between the the Ohio and the Red River of the North. Last year they raised five million bushels of corn, thirty-five to one hundred bushels per acre. The yield of wheat was 550,000 bushels, fifteen to thirty-five per acre. Oats and rye are grown mostly for local use, giving from eighteen to twenty bushels to the acre. Flax, broom-corn, millet, sorghum, all grown abundantly. Apples, peaches, red plum, cherry, pear and all the small fruits give splendid returns. Grasses grow in rich profusion everywhere; Timothy, clover, blue and orchard grass, furnish superior grazing in the early spring and late autumn, leaving the stock raiser to provide only a short winter feed of hay and grain. The value of fat steers and pigs shipped last year was over \$2,000,000. Sheep industry also flourishes, the present estimated number in the county being between fifteen and sixteen thousand. Over a million pounds of butter were shipped and the tendency has always been to raise finer and finer grades of stock.

The taxable valuation of the county is \$3,000,000; debt \$100,000. The people of the county have made all they have out of the soil, and are progressive, wealthy and intelligent, believing in schools, churches and all societies tending to raise the moral tone.

MARYSVILLE,

the capital of the county, and a beautiful and prosperous town of 3,000 souls, admirably located in the valley of the Big Blue, at the junction of the St. Jo. & Western and Marysville & Blue Valley Railways. This city was founded by the Palmetto Town Co., in 1857, and named in honor of Mrs. Mary Marshall, wife of Gen. Marshall, one of the pioneers by whose name the county was also christened.

The town was laid on Ben Holliday's old overland trail, and from a frontier stage station and trading post has grown to be one of the most attractive towns in Northern Kansas, and recently proclaimed a city of the second class. The homes, churches, schools and court house are mostly built upon the bluff and command charm-

ing views of the broad valley, the clear, rapid, winding, timber-fringed river and the green hills beyond. The business town drops gracefully down into the matchless Blue Valley, and is

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built after the latest models of commercial architecture. The city has three enterprising and well edited newspapers, two banks, an elegant public school house, a fine group of churches, a beautiful and capacious Turner's hall, the finest flouring mills in Kansas, splendid Masonic and Odd Fellows halls, a grain elevator, an opera hall, a substantial court house and model jail, some of the handsomest business blocks in the State, and a fine exhibit of pretty homes. There is

NOTHING SUPERFICIAL

or flimsy in the make-up of this substantial city, which is mainly constructed of brick, stone and iron, indicating the confidence of the builders in its enduring prosperity. The trade of this city is in the hands of a group of

SOLID BUSINESS MEN,

most of whom have made their money on the ground, and who, in addition to their stocks and bank account, have in good measure the higher capital of brain and energy, business tact and discipline, and who carry forward their business undertakings with a sort of unflinching, conquering Roman confidence and persistence to a successful issue. The business blocks, public buildings, homes, mills, mercantile stocks and everything about this staunch and rapidly growing city bears the impress of the sterling character of the representative men of whom we give the following notes.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MARYSVILLE.

Perry Hutchinson, Excelsior Roller Mills and Elevator.—The great Excelsior Roller Mills of Marshall County, are the product of the constant endeavor of a single brain, that of Perry Hutchinson. Captain Hutchinson was born in New York, and came to this county October 1, 1859, entering a homestead and engaging in farming. On the breaking out of the war he helped organize Company E of the 13th Kansas Inf., and was appointed captain. In November, 1864, he built his first mill in this county, and in 1867 erected the present structure, but thoroughly remodeled and refitted it in 1881. The mill is a stone structure, five stories in height, including the basement, and 40x80 feet in dimensions, with an elevator attached, 36x120 feet in size, with a capacity of 70,000 bushels. Twelve men are employed, and the capacity of the mill is 300 barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. It is located on the Big Blue River, about a mile from the city, and is operated by water power, on the plan of the Minneapolis mills. Mr. Hutchinson has an immense dam across the river, which he constructed himself, making a fall at the mill of ten feet. For the purpose of utilizing this fall in the operation of the mill, he

constructed a tunnel 200 feet in length, and running from just above the dam under the mill and into the river again. It was drilled through solid rock, at a cost of about \$7,000, and supplies water power equal to about 225 horse, which is necessary in the operation of the machinery of the mill. That we may give the reader a conception of the magnitude of this institution, we will state, that the main shaft is 101 feet 8 inches high; a mile of belting is used in the elevators; there are 16 sets of rolls; the fans make 750 revolutions every minute; 342,000 bushels of wheat were ground in one season, and 1,627 cars of products shipped the same year. His elevator has a capacity of taking in and shipping 5,000 bushels of corn every day. He has granaries and cribs for the storage of 80,000 bushels of corn. He buys up corn when it is low and holds it until the market improves, sometimes for a period of two or three years. This property, with all of its improvements, cost Mr. Hutchinson about \$100,000, and nets him a comfortable profit every year. The brands of flour that he has rendered celebrated are: Perry Hutchinson's "Best," Perry Hutchinson's "Straight," Perry Hutchinson's "Baker's." Mr. Hutchinson built his own side-track from the main railroad line, about a mile distant. He made eight shipments to Liverpool last season. The mill is one of the great institutions of Kansas, and speaks volumes for its proprietor's enterprise. Mr. H. has a farm of 600 acres adjoining the mill, and another south of Marysville of 300 acres, on both of which he conducts an extensive stock raising business. He has some blooded colts of fine pedigree that give promise of developing into the fastest trotters of the country, and is building a track on his own premises for the purpose of training them. He has also taken part in public life, and represented this district in the State Senate for four years. He is a member of the Masonic order. He was one of the first organizers of the First National Bank of Marysville, and is now its vice president. His residence near the mill he built at a cost of \$15,000.

E. Hutchinson, Attorney at Law.—Judge Hutchinson has always honorably prosecuted the practice of law, the most exalted of professions. A native of New York, he received his literary education at Adrian College, Michigan, and later studied in the law department of Ann Arbor. He was admitted in 1870, and began practice the same year in this city. He is possessed of admirable forensic ability and gained a wide reputation as a lawyer. As judge of this district he left a record that he has just reason to be proud of. He is an active member of the Masonic order.

W. H. Smith, Treasurer.—W. H. Smith, now filing his second term in this responsible office, was born in Pennsylvania, and served with honor in the 62nd Pennsylvania, in the late war. In 1865 he located in Kansas in this county, first engaging in farming. He at once took a prominent position, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1868, and again 1870. He took the national census for this county in 1870, and in 1871 was appointed postmaster of Marysville, which position he held fourteen years, until a Democratic administration superseded

him. He has large property interests in the county, and was engaged in the Mercantile business for several years. He was first elected to his present office in 1887, and has administered its affairs with unswerving fidelity to the interests of Marshall County. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R.

John Joerg, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—A leading grocery house of this city is that of John Joerg, established in 1884. The building he occupies is 22x70 feet. He does a large business in staple and fancy groceries, and has an extensive patronage among all classes. Three polite, attentive assistants are employed. Mr. Joerg is a native of Germany, and came to Marysville in 1871. His success has been gained by close attention to the wants of his patrons.

Sherman House Livery Stable, John Degnan.—These stables were established five years ago, and were formerly under the management of Messrs. Degnan and Degen. Mr. Degnan succeeding them. Under him the stables have become the most popular livery in the city. The building is a substantial stone structure with a handsome brick front, located next to the Sherman House, the dimensions being 44x150 feet. It is supplied with twenty stalls, and arranged with a view to comfort and the expediences for feeding, grooming, etc. Mr. Degnan makes a specialty of importing and selling the finest blooded Norman horses, and cattle, hogs, etc. He is a native of Illinois, and his success is due to the exercise of correct business methods.

Alex. Campbell, Clerk of the District Court.—One of the most popular of Marshall County's officials is Mr. Alex. Campbell. He was born in Scotland, and first came to this country in 1849, locating in Ohio. He removed to this State in 1859, and has resided in Marshall County continuously to the present. He has had mercantile connections all of his life, and has established a reputation for honorable conduct and conscientious attention to all interests entrusted to his care. He is accurate and thorough in the discharge of his duties, and it is evident from general public expressions he will be re-elected on the expiration of his term.

Sherman House.—Marysville is fortunate in regard to her hotels, which are equal in every respect to those of any city in the State. The Sherman House dates back twenty years, and from time to time has been remodeled, and now has every modern convenience. A specialty is made of commercial men; good sample rooms, and free 'bus to all trains; seven hands are employed; the bed-rooms are thirty-four in number, the dining-room seats fifty people. Mr. J. W. Anderson, the proprietor, is a native of Ohio. He has been host here seven years, and spares no pains to render the guest's sojourn pleasant.

Jas. S. Magill, Attorney at Law and Justice of the Peace.—Is a native of St. Mary's County, Md. He was admitted to the bar there in 1843, and came to Marshall County in 1856. He studied law with Mr. John M. S. Cansine, of Leonard Town, Md. He was appointed justice of the peace in April, 1873, and has filled the office with judgment and business correctness. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and belongs to the I. O. O. F.

Exchange Bank of Schmidt & Koester.—Marysville is especially favored in the management of her banks, for it is done upon conservative and intelligent methods, exercising a wholesome influence upon the business interests of the city, infusing into them the spirit of enterprise and strength. A notable in-



stance is seen in the history and standing of her foremost financial institution, the Exchange Bank of Schmidt & Koester, which has a capital of \$50,000. These gentlemen are natives of Germany, and have been in this country forty years. They came to Marysville in 1860, and started in general merchandising in a one-story frame building, on the site of their bank. They did a flourishing trade, and in 1870 instituted the banking business; in 1883 the present building was erected. A general banking business is done, special attention being paid to collections. They issue bills of exchange for use in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Australia, Russia, Italy, Spain and the Orient. They own much of the best land in Marshall County. They are gentlemen of high character, and deservedly honored by all. Such reasonable, conservative, yet, withal liberal policy as theirs in the banking business, has contributed largely to the reputation and prosperity of the city of their adoption, where they have ever been known for their enterprise and public spirit.

H. E. Wiedemeyer, Manufacturer of Cigars and Tobacco.—One of the most promising industries of Marysville is that of Mr. H. E. Wiedemeyer, which has been in operation since June, 1887. The premises are equipped with every facility. Mr. Kelley, the manager, is conversant with the business in all its details.

His stock of cigars, pipes, tobaccos, etc. is complete and select in every particular, and the trade extends through the city and surrounding country. Mr. Wiedemeyer conducts in this city one of the foremost cigar factories in the State, where fourteen hands are employed. He was born in Alton, Ill., while Mr. Kelley came here from Aurora, Ill.

P. J. Hindmarsh, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Carriages and Wagons.—This business was established in 1886, and enjoys the distinction of being the leading concern of the kind in Marysville. Mr. Hindmarsh is special agent in Marshall County for the Columbus Buggy Company's celebrated vehicles, of which he is selling great numbers. The premises consist of a building 34x40 feet. A specialty of Mr. Hindmarsh's is carriage painting. Three skilled assistants are employed, and many of the fine equipages to be seen on the streets of this city are made by this house. Mr. Hindmarsh is a native of Illinois, and was formerly located at Centralia, Kas., where he was likewise most successful in the same line.

E. L. Miller, Druggist and Pharmacist.—No druggist is better known in Northern Kansas than Mr. E. L. Miller. He established business in 1881, and occupies a building 23x80 feet, which is admirably arranged. He is an experienced pharmacist, and makes a specialty of filling physicians' prescriptions. Two assistants are employed. Mr. Miller is a native of Wisconsin. He has been in the drug business eighteen years, and was formerly located at Sing Sing, N. Y., where he clerked eight years. He is a member of the K. of P., and is a conscientious business man.

J. A. Davis, Real Estate and Insurance Agent.—One of the most favorably known men, established in the city in June, 1888, is J. A. Davis, successor to Whittier & Davis. He is a native of Illinois, and has lived in Kansas thirty-one years. He has on hand a large list of improved and unimproved lands for sale on terms to suit purchasers. He pays special attention to looking after lands of non-residents. Mr. Davis represents several of the leading insurance companies. He is a Mason, and was formerly trustee of this township four years, and also was in the printing business.

H. S. Hover, Photographic Studio.—A respectable photographic studio is that under the skillful direction of Mr. H. S. Hover. Since he started here, in September, 1883, he has shown to his many patrons that he thoroughly under-

stands his profession. The premises consist of a building 25x44 feet; all new apparatus are added as they come out. Photographic work of every description is here produced in the highest style of the art. Bromide printing is a specialty. Mr. Hover has been in this business since 1859, and first made daguerreotypes. He was born in Ohio. He is a member of the G. A. R., and has made a marked success in life.

Cleveland Hotel, Chas. Toltzein, Proprietor.—This hostelry was formerly under the management of F. W. Mueller, Mr. Charles Toltzein, the present proprietor, succeeding in January, 1889. The hotel building contains fifteen sleeping apartments, fine parlors and dining-room. It is a stone structure, two stories high, with electric light, etc. It is conducted with every endeavor to secure the comfort of its guests. Four courteous attendants attend to the wants of patrons. Mr. Toltzein is a native of Germany, and came to this country in 1883. He formerly lived in Herkeiner, Kansas, five years.

C. Welton, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware.—This business was established in 1881, Mr. W. having since ever stood at the head of the jewelry trade here. The premises are well arranged and attractive, the stock consisting of beautiful and artistic jewelry and the watches of the best manufacturers; also silverware and fine clocks. Mr. W. learned his business in Chicago. He was born in Wisconsin and has lived in Marysville since 1877. He was reared on a farm and formerly taught school two years in this State.

Ernst Lange, Furniture, Curtains and Fixtures, Undertaker, Picture Framing and Cabinet Work.—Mr. Lange started here in 1878 and has ever enjoyed a prosperous and increasing patronage. His building is 20x125 feet, and filled with a large and carefully selected stock. Mr. Lange is a native of Germany, and came to America twelve years ago. He has always been in this business. He is a member of the "Druids," and a courteous and genial gentleman.

Tremont House.—This house for the rates charged, \$1 per day, \$4 per week, is one of the best in Kansas. There are twenty-two sleeping-rooms, a fine parlor and a large dining-room. Mr. Robert Davis, the proprietor, came here from Illinois. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he is one of our best known citizens, having resided here thirty-two years. He justly enjoys the unlimited confidence of his many patrons.

FRANKFORT.

FRANKFORT is situated in Marshall County, Kansas, in the beautiful valley of the Vermilion, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, seventy-eight miles west of Atchison, in a section of country noted for fertility. It has a population of one thousand five hundred. The various business and professional interests are represented in Frankfort as follows: Six general stores, two of them the largest on the Missouri Pacific Rail-

road west of Atchison; four groceries, three hardware stores, two mammoth implement houses, three restaurants, two variety stores, two drug stores, two jewelry stores, one immense stock of furniture, two harness shops, three meat markets, three millinery stores, two newspapers, two banks, with a combined capital of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; two hotels, two barber shops, two steam elevators, with a capacity of

thirty-five thousand bushels; three livery stables, two lumber yards, one art gallery, two merchant tailors, one plow factory and machine shop, three blacksmith shops, two wagon repair shops, three contractors and builders, three law firms, one dentist, one real estate office, four physicians, one grist mill, and one tow mill.

Frankfort draws trade from a radius of fifteen miles. During the past year there have been shipped from this place more than two hundred car loads of stock, and a proportionate amount of corn, wheat, flax, and other farm products. Last season there were fed in the immediate vicinity of Frankfort more than four thousand head of cattle, and this amount will be greatly increased this season.

The population of Frankfort is largely composed of people who came here several years ago from New York and Ohio, and who, with characteristic thrift, proceeded to make Frankfort one of the neatest and most substantial towns in Northern Kansas.

During the year 1889 there were erected in Frankfort more than eighteen stone and brick business houses, the aggregate cost of which amounts to over one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. A fine cut-stone school building has also been erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars, and a score or more of residences ranging in price from five hundred dollars to seven thousand five hundred dollars.

There are eight stone and brick business houses being built at the present time, at an aggregate cost of sixty thousand dollars; also an opera house is building.

Frankfort has never had a boom, and don't want one. But when it comes to a steady, healthy growth, that is the way this town is built. They don't boom in Frankfort one year and then dwell in a painful state of stagnation for the next ten. The town improves steadily year by year, keeps pace with the glorious country by which it is surrounded, and as a natural consequence is one of the best and safest places in which to buy real estate within the whole State of Kansas.

Among the enterprises which the people of Frankfort would like to see established in their midst are a good steam flouring mill, a foundry, a canning factory and a cigar factory.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF FRANKFORT.

First National Bank.—The present and past success of this bank is owing to a judicious and careful management of its affairs. It was organized in 1883. The capital is \$100,000. The structure is a handsome brick, two stories, with stone basement, while the office is very commodious. Mr. George F. Walker, the president, is a native of New York State, but has lived for many years in Missouri, where he was superintendent of the C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co. Gen. Satterlee Warden, vice president, was also born in New York, and is a hale and vigorous gentleman of nearly 80 years. Mr. Peck, the cashier, is a native of Rochester, N. Y., and has been

three years in the banking business. He was formerly in lumber. Mr. Zimmerman, teller, was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and was formerly engaged in the loan and register business in Phillipsburg, Kas.

Mason Bros., Furniture and Carpets.—This energetic firm were established here in July, 1882, and are now enjoying a flourishing trade. They carry a stock of goods, consisting of the finest parlor, dining-room and bed-room suits, and office furniture, etc. They handle a fine lot of carpets, mattings, rugs, oil cloths and plushes. They also keep a complete line of undertaking goods, and hearse, and occupy an attractive two-story stone building, 44½x80 feet. They deal in mattresses, and do upholstering and repairing by first-class help. Mr. J. C. Mason has been traveling for large houses for twelve years. Mr. C. C. Mason has been a resident of Kansas for ten years. Both gentlemen are Canadians, and a decided credit to Frankfort.

J. M. Watson, Lumber, Sash, Doors, Building Paper.—This house, established in the year 1883, supplies the wants of the builders and contractors of this county. The premises consist of a spacious shed, 48x100 feet, and office, workshop and yard. Mr. J. M. Watson employs two hands, and has on hand lumber, sash, doors, building paper, mouldings, lime, hair, cement, brick, mixed paints, brushes, and fence posts. Mr. Watson is a native of Pennsylvania, and has lived in Kansas since 1865, before which time he farmed and was a large dealer in stock. At the present time he owns 560 acres of the finest farming land in the State, near this city. He is a Freemason and a G. A. R., and served in the war in the 66th Pennsylvania Inf. Mr. Watson is careful and attentive to business, added to which he possesses the characteristics of energy and perseverance.

Geo. H. Rexford, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Implements, and Repairer.—A potent factor in the growth of this city is Mr. Geo. H. Rexford, established in 1869, who has maintained a booming business by sheer hard work. He employs two hands. The buildings are supplied with the best machinery, being 20x40 feet, together with an "L" 36 feet. Mr. Rexford manufactures and makes to order the far-famed Lister cultivator, and the Lister rod mould-board breaking plow, which he ships throughout this and the neighboring States. He does a large business, too, in repairing and selling all kinds of implements and machines. Mr. Rexford was born in Canada, but has lived in the States fifty-six years. He is a Freemason. He has never known the meaning of the word idleness, hence his steady rise in business from his earliest days.

W. T. Dwinnell, Justice of the Peace, Insurance and Loan Agent.—Mr. Dwinnell is one of the enterprising spirits of Frankfort. He is a native of Massachusetts, and is one of the earliest settlers of Marshall County. As justice of the peace he has filled the office with prudence. He also ably fills the position of city clerk. He negotiates loans on bond and mort-

gage, and is the agent for such reliable companies as the Phoenix of Hartford; Phoenix of Brooklyn; Hartford, of Hartford; German-American, etc. Mr. Dwinell is a public-spirited gentleman, standing deservedly high in the community. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., K. of H., K. of P., and Northwestern Legion of Honor. He is agent for Cunard Steamship Line.

Giles E. Scoville, Lawyer.—The name of Scoville carries with it its own weight. Mr. Scoville is a native of Cook County, Ill. He studied law with John J. Ingalls, and was admitted to the bar March 17, 1873. He came West first in 1866, remaining in Kansas till 1883, when he went to Chicago, returning to this State in 1887. Mr. Scoville prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity, which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

C. J. Weis, Harness.—Has been in this line for the last ten years; has become well known and enjoys a large trade. His building, two-story, 45x85 feet, contains a fine stock of harness, saddles, whips, trunks, valises, etc. He makes harness and does repairing of all kinds. A German by birth, Mr. Weiss came to the United States in 1864. He offers great inducements to those wishing anything in his line.

Geo. F. Poor, Hardware.—Mr. Poor has been all his life in this business, and does not pretend to know anything else. He has lived nineteen years in this county, clerked many years for a hardware firm here, and started in October of 1887 for himself; he occupies a neat stone structure, 22x80 feet. His stock consists of hardware, paints and oils, stoves, tinware, pumps, wind-mills, farm tools, and cutlery. Mr. Poor is originally from Illinois, and during his residence in Kansas has made an enviable business reputation.

S. & Howard Reed, Hardware and Stoves, Agricultural Implements and Buggies.—Frankfort is especially favored in the hardware line, for here is one of the greatest houses in the State, that of S. & Howard Reed. This business dates back eleven years, the present firm being successor to H. H. Lourey & Co., and the Reed Implement Co. Their main store is a two-story stone structure, 60x80 feet, filled with machinists' tools, builder's supplies, pumps, belting, cutlery, bar iron, horse shoes, nails, as well as fire-arms

and powder. The carriage house, 40x60, has elevators connecting the floors, with one of the finest stocks west of the Missouri River. They also have mowers, reapers, binders, engines, threshers, harrows, plows and fittings; also stoves and heating apparatus. By buying for cash they have given advantages which have obtained for them their enormous trade, extending into Colorado and Nebraska. Messrs. S. & Howard Reed, father and son, were formerly in business at Osborne. The first is a native of New Hampshire, the latter of Illinois, and during their residence in Kansas have acquired an enviable reputation.

Mrs. L. E. Campbell, Millinery.—This representative business dates its origin to 1883. Mrs. Campbell, the enterprising proprietress, has always on hand an excellent stock of millinery and ladies' furnishings of latest fashion, and has acquired the trade of the best ladies in the county. Her store, consisting of a two-story brick, 22x50 feet, is attractive, and gives employment to two hands. Mrs. Campbell was born in Iowa, has lived in Kansas twenty years, and by good management has risen to the foremost rank in Frankfort business circles.

The Frankfort House.—Was established under its genial proprietor, J. N. McGinnis, in 1889; it is located near the depot, with large dining-room and good accommodation in every respect, special attention being given to commercial men. Mr. McGinnis is a native of Ohio, formerly ran the Hayden House at Blue Rapids, and is the representative of the American and Topeka Capitol Fire Insurance Companies.

Mrs. O. P. Ewart, Millinery and Notions.—Mrs. Ewart, the popular Frankfort milliner, was born in Ohio, and been in Kansas thirty years. She has been in business four years, and displays eminent taste therein. In her store she has a grand display of hats, birds, ribbons, feathers, etc., and also notions, from which patrons seldom fail to be suited. She is well assisted by competent help, and there is no class of work in her line she cannot do, and do well.

The "Frankfort Bee."—Made its first appearance in 1876, and now has a circulation of 950. W. J. Granger, its owner, was born in Kansas, and has been in journalism fifteen years. His steam printing department, with three fine presses, is very complete.

BLUE RAPIDS.

If it had nothing more than its magnificent water power, Blue Rapids would command a prominent place on these pages, and the attention of every one interested or seeking location in Kansas. The water power is conceded to be the finest in the West. The dam, over two hundred feet in length, is of solid stone, grooved into the rock bed of the river, and has, since its construction, stood the severest tests. The height of the dam is ten feet, affording power enough to drive all the machinery in the State.

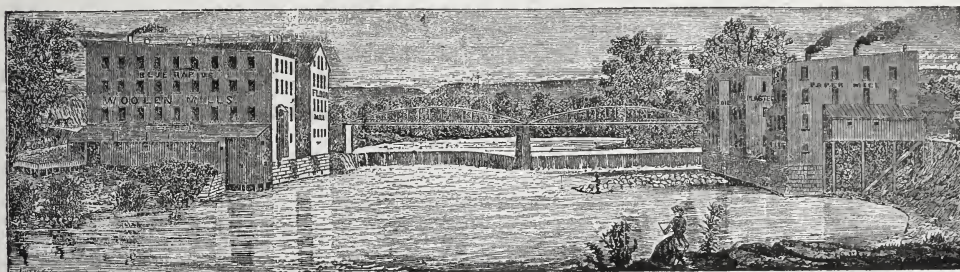
Blue Rapids is the youngest town in the county. Waterville, Marysville, Irving, Barrett and Frankfort were all in existence when the spot whereon Blue Rapids stands was prairie. The foundation of Blue Rapids was made by a society formed in Genesee County, N. Y., whose object was to find a suitable and healthy location in the West, whereon to build up a town on moral and temperance principles. They selected, in the fall of 1869, after looking all over the country, the present site of the town, and

purchased the land and water power at fifteen thousand dollars; they subsequently acquired eight thousand acres adjoining. The Blue Rapids Town Company was composed of one hundred members, who furnished ample capital to work upon, their first expenditure for the dam and improvements amounting to between thirty and forty thousand dollars.

Notwithstanding the discouragements of past years, Blue Rapids has steadily grown throughout. Fine residences, churches, school buildings and business blocks dot the beautiful site of this city; about three miles of sidewalk and stone crossings have been built, and the improvements generally are of a solid nature. The water power is about two miles below the confluence of the Big and Little Blue Rivers, and just above the rapids, from which the town takes its name. The dam is crescent-shaped, consisting of two arches, held by an immense stone

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BLUE RAPIDS.

Blue Rapids Plaster Co.—One of those great industrial corporations which has so satisfactorily helped to maintain Blue Rapids's supremacy is the Plaster Co., established in 1887, by Fowler Bros., and incorporated as the Blue Rapids Plaster Co., in June, 1889. They are extensive manufacturers of the widely celebrated Diamond cement, calcined and land plaster, which of late years has come so much into demand throughout the entire West, being one of the whitest on earth. The leading Fowler Bros. brands manufactured are, the "Sunflower" and "Anchor." The company has large mills at Blue Rapids, and Nephi, Utah, and is provided with the most perfect facilities in the United States



WATER POWER AT BLUE RAPIDS.

pier. The water power and mills are thoroughly protected by sea walls, and the river banks above and below the dam are riprapped, which prevents any cutting in time of high water. Directly over the dam, resting on abutments of solid masonry, an iron bridge over two hundred feet long spans the river.

Blue Rapids has two public parks—Riverside Park and Fountain Park. The former, consisting of thirty acres, is located on the east side of the river, several acres on the bank of the river being fenced and improved. A fine grove of forest trees gives shade, and seats are conveniently arranged for a view of the river, where small pleasure boats are constantly riding upon its waters. Fountain Park is a small circular park in the center of Public Square. It abounds in shrubbery and shade trees, and in the center a fountain plays, supplied by the water works.

Blue Rapids has four church organizations, and four fine churches. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches are built of stone, the Baptist of brick, and the Congregational of wood.

There are two school buildings; one, a two-story brick, with stone trimmings, 30x26 feet; the other, a one-story frame building, 20x30 feet, with an addition, to be built this year, 20x26 feet.

The city has two banks, two hotels, four churches, a cigar factory, an opera house, twelve hundred people, seven secret societies, two systems of railroads, six school teachers, two flouring mills, foundry, twenty-five mercantile houses, an abundance of building stone in the neighborhood, the largest plaster-of-paris mills in the West, a public library of twenty-five hundred volumes, a steam yacht, etc.

for the successful manufacture of their world-renowned plaster. The works are of the most extensive character, and comprise the main building, 25x65 feet in extent; a warehouse, 30x50, and a cooper's shop, 16x20 feet. Twenty-five hands are employed throughout the year, all experts. The capacity is three hundred barrels in twenty-four hours. The plaster turned out here is not equaled, and, to those wanting the best for the least money, no establishment offers such substantial inducements. The officers are, F. W. Fowler, president; M. N. Cox, vice president; and H. G. Fowler, secretary and treasurer, natives of Michigan, Missouri and Michigan respectively. Mr. Cox is a Mason and a K. of H., and Mr. H. G. Fowler is an A. O. U. W. We can but say, with the record already achieved, and in the hands of such officers, the company's prospects are of the most favorable character. The management of the company's business is in the hands of the secretary and treasurer, H. G. Fowler, a man of energy and superior executive ability.

Blue Rapids Roller Mills, P. H. McHale, Proprietor.—Among the industries of Blue Rapids which deserve very favorable notice in our work we notice particularly the Blue Rapids Roller Mills, established in 1872. These mills have always maintained a high reputation. The building is very striking, stone, four stories and basement, and is fitted up with the most improved machinery and other appliances. They possess the most ample facilities for shipping. An extensive wholesale business is done, shipping flour, feed and grain, throughout Kansas and

Missouri. Six hands are employed. They have a capacity of 250 barrels of flour every twenty-four hours, which can be increased. The manager of this large concern is Mr. J. B. Miller, a native of Pennsylvania. He has been engaged in the business nearly all his life, and has lived in Blue Rapids twelve years. He is an I. O. O. F. and a K. of H. The great success of the mills is due to his superb management. In conclusion, we do not think we are at all overstating matters when we say that for completeness of equipment and fine quality of product, as well as promptness in fulfilling contracts, the Blue Rapids Roller Mills will bear comparison with any in the Union.

David Lamb, Agricultural Implements.—In enumerating the mercantile enterprises of this prosperous city, a position of merited prominence should be accorded the well-known house of David Lamb, which was established on the 6th of April, 1888. The premises comprise a large, well appointed warehouse, 30x40 feet in dimensions, where is kept a splendid stock of agricultural implements of best known makes, a specialty being the unexcelled Mitchell & Milburn wagons. Their trade reaches through a wide scope of territory. Mr. Lamb was born in Canada. He belongs to the K. of H., and is one of our oldest residents, having formerly farmed for seventeen years with success in Marshall County. His facilities for conducting the business are of an unusually complete character, enabling him to offer advantages impossible to duplicate elsewhere. The prompt, honorable policy pursued by Mr. Lamb has rendered him deservedly popular and universally respected, and the City of Blue Rapids is to be congratulated upon the possession of such a representative establishment as is his in the line of agricultural implements.

T. E. Marcy, Post Master.—A gentleman known to all for his many sterling qualities is the subject of our sketch. Mr. T. E. Marcy is a native of the Old Bay State, and holds the position here of post master, having been appointed November 23, 1889. He is a millwright by trade, and is one of our best citizens, having lived in Blue Rapids twelve years. As post master he has acted in a careful manner, both toward the Government and people. He is prominently identified with the G. A. R., having formerly been commander of the Blue Rapids G. A. R. post. He gave valiant service in the late war in the 9th Vermont Inf. Mr. Marcy is justly esteemed as a capable, experienced and reliable man.

Blue Rapids Foundry and Machine Works.—Have acquired a well-earned prominence. They were started in 1877 as Price Bros. They occupy a fine stone structure, 30x96 feet, while the equipment embraces the best tools and machinery. They make engines and boilers, pulleys and shaftings, flange couplings, coal car wheels and axles, bridge castings, bridge bolts, well drilling machines, horse powers, saw mandrels, smoke stacks, sash weights, grate bars, Jack screws, emery wheel stands, house work, cretings and gratings, feed cookers, threshing machine knuckles, the celebrated wind-mill

water elevator (Van Ness), wind-mills, brass castings, brass models, cane mills, cane mill, rollers, pile drivers, and all kinds of repairs done on shortest notice possible. A large force of skilled mechanics is employed in the execution of the superior work for which the establishment is noted. Mr. W. F. Price, the energetic proprietor, is a native of Wales, but came to this country immediately after the late war. He has had a lifelong experience of the business, and by well directed management, he has reared an industry that takes a position in the front rank of Kansas representative concerns.

George S. Smith, Furniture, Coffins, Etc.—The representative furniture and undertaking house here is that of George S. Smith, established in 1882. The premises consist of a handsome stone structure, 25x70 feet. He keeps a varied stock of furniture, embracing all the most fashionable styles. In this house everything pertaining to modern undertaking is executed in the highest degree of general excellence. Mr. Smith also deals in paints and oils. He is a native of Lower Canada, and he is thoroughly skilled in his dual profession, and the liberal patronage he receives demonstrates clearly his popularity.

M. L. Duncan, & Co., Gem City Roller Mills.—These Mills were originally founded in 1886, by Barlow, McGrue & Co., the present firm having had charge of the affairs since 1888. The premises comprise a main building, three stories with basement, 40x60 feet, and a store room 20x60 feet. The equipment is operated by water power. They are wholesale dealers in flour, feed and grain. The capacity every twenty-four hours is one hundred barrels. Choice family and extra family flours are manufactured. Messrs. M. L. Duncan, D. H. Miller and J. H. Barlow, the partners, are natives of North Carolina, Wisconsin and Virginia respectively. They are men under whose long experience the mill must continue.

The Arlington Hotel.—Was established ten years ago, the present proprietor, Mr. A. Sharp, having conducted it three years. There are sixteen well furnished sleeping apartments, while the *cuisine* is not surpassed. The seating capacity of the dining-room is fifty. Sample rooms are provided for commercial men. Seven hands are employed and there is a livery and feed stable in connection with the hotel, furnishing rigs, saddle horses, etc., at a moment's notice. Mr. Sharp was born in Pennsylvania, served in the war eight weeks in the militia of his native State. He formerly was proprietor here for two years of the Hayden House. He has been in the livery business fifteen years. Mr. Sharp is well-known to the public.

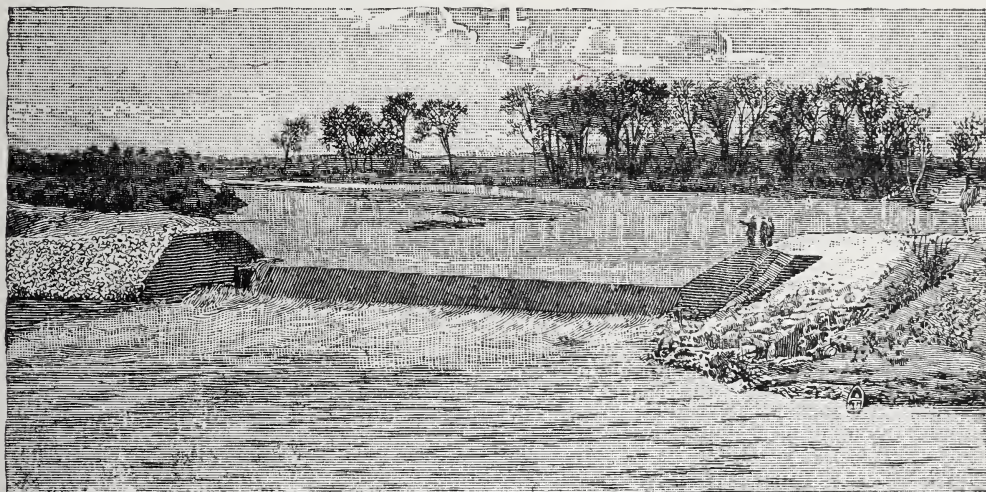
J. P. Miller, Groceries, Etc.—A popular purchasing point, located on the north side of Blue Rapids, is the store of Mr. J. P. Miller, established in November, 1889. The premises are 16x20 feet. He deals in groceries, fine cigars and tobacco. The advantages he possesses for the transaction of his business are of an unusually complete character. Mr. Miller is a native of this State, and by able management has won a position among the foremost city business men.

CLAY CENTER.

CLAY COUNTY lies about one hundred miles west of the Missouri River and in the second tier of counties south of the Nebraska State line. It has an area of six hundred and sixty square miles, or comprises four hundred and twenty-two thousand four hundred acres of excellent land suitable for a diversified agriculture. About twelve per cent of the area is bottom land; the remainder upland. Nearly the entire area can be cultivated — there not being more than five per cent of waste land. The bottoms are level, without being marshy; the uplands are beautiful stretches of undulating prairie, rich in soil, yielding bountiful crops. There are no hills nor steep ascents, and the whole presents a scene

bushels, or an average of forty-five bushels per acre. Fruits of all kinds are successfully grown. Schools and church facilities are excellent in the rural districts. Good farms, convenient to market, with fair improvements, can be bought at prices ranging from fifteen to twenty-five dollars per acre.

Clay Center, the county seat, is located on the east bank of the Republican River, partly in the valley and partly on the gentler slope that rises as you leave the valley. Naturally the drainage is good, securing to the residents a pure and wholesome atmosphere. It is a wide-awake, thriving city of four thousand inhabitants. Has three hotel buildings, one of them the most



VIEW OF THE REPUBLICAN RIVER SHOWING WATER POWER, CLAY CENTER.

that pleases and fascinates the eye as it wanders over the gentle-like swells dotted with farm houses and beautiful groves. At any season of the year the roads are good, and, perhaps, with as little effort on the part of the people to make them so as anywhere else in the world, and it is seldom that the heaviest loads cannot be easily drawn to market. It is well watered by the Republican and its numerous tributaries. Timber sufficient to supply the agriculturist with all that he needs for posts, poles, etc. Good water is obtained at a depth of twenty or twenty-five feet on the bottoms, and on the uplands forty to seventy-five feet. Magnesia limestone, excellent for building purposes, can be had cheap. The productiveness of the soil cannot be excelled elsewhere. The magnitude of the crops of many seasons, if told, would seem the fabrications of one who had but little regard for the truth. Yet the corn crop of 1889 amounted to 6,100,000 bushels, or an average of sixty bushels per acre; the wheat 170,000 bushels, or an average of twenty-two bushels per acre; the oat crop 1,600,000

handsome and costly in Northern Kansas, completed and furnished at a cost of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; the Holly system of water works; three as fine school buildings in point of architecture and equipments as grace any city of its size, costing its people sixty thousand dollars; two opera houses; a street railway line, and is illuminated with electric lights. Has several costly church edifices, and the congregations of thirteen churches assemble in their own buildings. Two well-equipped flouring mills that ship annually great quantities of their products to other markets. Several elevators of large capacity; three newspapers; two national and one State bank, capital of each, fifty thousand dollars. The secret societies of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., the A. O. U. W. and the several lodges of the Masonic order have many members, and are in a flourishing condition.

Six passenger trains daily arrive and depart over the Kansas Central, Junction City & Ft. Kearny and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific

Railroads. No better location for manufacturing, as there is a water power that is only partly utilized ready to put in motion machinery of all kinds; and many manufactured articles can be as cheaply produced here as anywhere, with the advantage of turning them out at the immediate point of consumption, saving to the consumer the cost of long transportation, and enabling the manufacturer to undersell those who must ship long distances. Besides, rents and food are cheap, and there are no saloons to demoralize workmen, and all that is conducive to good health and morals exists. The water power propels the machinery of a large flouring mill, an elevator, and is the motive power of the electric light plant. It is sufficient to operate any number of manufacturing enterprises, to which our people would give substantial assistance.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CLAY CENTER.

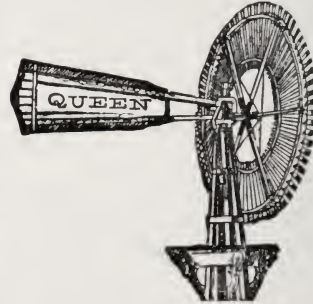
A. F. Dexter, Proprietor Water Power Mills.—Among the industries of Clay Center which deserve a prominent notice are the Water Power Mills, which have been established over twenty years, and of which Mr. A. F. Dexter is the proprietor. These mills have always maintained a very high reputation, so much so that they have hardly any competition in this section. The building is two stories high and fitted up with the most improved machinery. They are eligibly located on the Republican River, and are alongside of the railroad tracks, thus having ample facilities for shipping. Mr. Dexter deals in flour, feed and grain, the choicest family and extra family flour being manufactured here. The capacity is seventy-five barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. Six hands are employed. Mr. Dexter is a native of Vermont. He has been city councilman for three years. He conducts the electric light plant in this building. He fully commands the high position accorded him, and his influence has always been put forth to secure the success and enhance the resources of this city.

W. S. Beatty, City Ticket and Passenger Agent, Rock Island Route.—The enterprising Rock Island Railroad is represented in Clay Center by one of our oldest and most trusted citizens, W. S. Beatty. Mr. Beatty is a native of Pennsylvania, has been West twenty-two years and in Clay County since 1872. He was eleven years in real estate and did much to help settle this county with a good class of farmers. As passenger and ticket agent he has sustained the C. K. & N.'s popularity, and at his neatly appointed office furnishes callers with all the information they desire and can accommodate them with low rates of passage to any Western point. He is known for his good temper and politeness; he is a member of the Masons, K. of P., and universally esteemed as a progressive and influential citizen. Buy your tickets via the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway, the only through car line to Kansas City. Tickets by the most popular routes to all parts of the world. Steamship tickets to and from all European ports.

Berths in sleeping-cars secured by telegraph without expense to holders of tickets. Reliable information cheerfully given free. Office open at all hours during the day. Call for maps, time-tables, etc.

J. P. Stewart, Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Stewart, one of the energetic, young physicians in Kansas, is a son of Dr. C. W. Stewart, of Ralls County, Mo., under whom he early acquired a love for the profession of medicine. He first attended a complete course of lectures in Chicago, during '82 and '83, and then went to the Louisville University from which he received his M. D. in 1884. Since settling in Clay County, in '70, he has built up a large practice among a people who are quick to recognize brain and ability. The doctor is very successful with his cases and in surgery has made some difficult operations. He stands well with the fraternity, and is an influential social factor, being a Mason and Odd Fellow. He also belongs to the Kansas State Medical Society. He has his office located over Jennings's drug store, where he has a large library and all the proper instruments and appliances.

Lima Manufacturing Co., "Queen" Wind-Mill, Etc.—In this Western country, where population is so spread, the wind-mill is largely used.



One of the best mills made is the "Queen" wind-mill, of the Lima, Manufacturing Co., one of the substantial concerns of the United States. Their branch house at Clay Center, Kas., is under efficient management and does a rapidly growing trade throughout this section. J. M. Keener, the manager, has been in the mill and pump business most of his life. He received his education at the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill. He carries besides the "Queen" mill, a large line of pumps and tanks for all purposes, iron pumps, piping and tubular well material. He occupies a spacious two-story stone and brick structure, 30x90 feet. He employs two competent men. S. C. Keener, the general agent of the company, is well known through this country for his correct representations. Just opened here a year or more, they are rapidly gaining public favor, and wherever used their mill becomes the favorite.

Central Loan and Debenture Co., J. W. Hood, Manager.—This company, whose headquarters are in Kansas City, Mo., exerts a wide influence in attracting capital and people to Kansas. It does business all over Kansas, and established this office in Clay Center six years ago. The large business built up in this section is due to the admirable qualities of Mr. Hood, who has been manager here since the company started. This gentleman is a native of Michigan, and of

varied experience. He was at one time clerk in the Chicago custom house; later, a "knight of the grip" for an Eastern house; then a farmer, and for two years a trader in the Indian Territory. He was a soldier in the late war, is a member of the G. A. R., Masons and K. of P.

J. W. Ham, Fine Groceries, Queensware and Crockery.—A well-known house is that of Mr. J. W. Ham, which was founded in 1887, and has since been conducted by him with annually increasing prosperity and success. The premises occupied consist of a commodious two-story stone building, 23x90 feet, where he keeps a complete and well-assorted stock of fine groceries and provisions, at the lowest cash prices; also a fine line of queensware, glassware and crockery. Mr. Ham was born in Illinois, and in addition to his experience as a retail dealer was for fourteen years in the grocery line on the road. He is a gentleman much respected for his enterprise and upright conduct, and dealings with him can only result in transactions satisfactory to all concerned. He is an I. O. O. F. and a member of the K. of P.

William Docking & Co., Abstracters; Office, Hotel Bonham.—An abstract office is an indispensable necessity in a country where real estate so often changes hands. A firm which is diligent and competent is that of Docking & Co., with Fred W. Parrot as manager. The firm was established in 1888, as successors to Bonham & Parrott, who were established six years ago, and is the oldest abstract office in the city. They have a complete set of abstract books and all work is guaranteed by bond filed with the county clerk. In addition to running an abstract office they also do a loan business, representing several first-class Eastern loan companies, and are authorized to place loans in any sums at very low rates, either on farm or city property. Mr. Fred W. Parrott, the manager of the abstract department, is a native of London, England, and has been in the business four years, during which time he has made a specialty of abstracting. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

D. P. Cook, M. D., Homeopathist; Office Hours, 1 to 5 P. M.—A few years ago the homeopathic school of medicine was regarded by the majority of people as a school made up of professional quacks; but such has been the revolution in medical science that that school has wrought that now it is regarded by many as the true and natural method of dealing with diseases. Dr. Cook is a graduate in medicine of Ann Arbor, and has been practicing in this city six years. He also read with Dr. Robert King, formerly of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and his education has been practical and thorough in every respect. The Doctor is a member of the State Society of Homeopathists, of Kansas, and of the Hahnemann Medical Society, of Ann Arbor University.

D. F. Butler, Photographer, Fifth Street, south of First National Bank.—Mr. Butler has been in photography and allied work all his life, in some of the best galleries in Illinois (his native) and other States; he has been ten years established for himself, and came here in Janu-

ary, 1888. He occupies five separate rooms, specially furnished for each branch of operation. He makes photos of all kinds, from locket to life-size; he makes a specialty of photo copying; he makes enlargements in oil or water; he can take crayons direct from life, or from other pictures. He treats his patrons in a polite and proper manner. His reception room, with its variety of pictures, is the picture gallery of the city.

John Loader, Clerk District Court.—One of the prominent men of Clay County is the present district clerk. Mr. Loader is now serving his third term in this office, and in the high estimation in which he is held, is likely to serve many more. He is a native of Ohio, was raised on a farm, and in the war served in the 123d Ohio Vol. Inf.; he is a member of the G. A. R. He has been many years also a salesman. In his office punctuality and order are the order of the day. He is also a Freemason and an I. O. O. F., and a pleasant and efficient official.

"The Times."—Has been running since 1875, and has ever had the public welfare at heart. It has a staff of eight printers, editors and reporters, and a circulation of 1,800. Its proprietors are J. P. Campbell and D. A. Valentine. Mr. C. is a Kentuckian by birth, and has been in the newspaper line all his life. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank, of which he is vice president. Mr. V. is a native of Iowa, has been nine years in newspapers, and five years in the Supreme Court department at Topeka.

Dexter & Co., Implements, Etc.—In a region of country which is so actively devoted to agricultural pursuits as that which immediately surrounds Clay Center, the trade in farm implements, wind-mills, etc., naturally becomes an important interest. The representative house in this line in the city is Messrs. Dexter & Co., which was founded in 1896. The building occupied is a brick, 20x80 feet, fitted up specially for this business. They carry an immense stock, embracing all kinds of implements, pumps, wind-mills, buggies, etc. The trade covers a wide territory. Mr. Dexter was born in Vermont, and prior to his present enterprise was engaged in farming. He is one of Clay Center's oldest citizens. With his brother he located this town site in 1862.

Hoopes & Morrison, The People's Printers.—A house that has justly earned an established reputation for producing the best class of work connected with the typographical art is that of the above firm. It was established over three years ago by these gentlemen, and now gives employment to four hands. Mr. Hoopes, the senior member of the firm, is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and has been in the printing business all his life, having served his apprenticeship in one of the largest book and job offices in the City of Philadelphia. He is a K. of P. and a Modern Woodman. Mr. Morrison is also a native of Pennsylvania and a K. of P., and before engaging in the printing business, eight years ago, was a cigar maker. They have founded a reputation as prompt business men,

and as doing the finest commercial and job printing in the city.

C. Downing, Butcher and Live Stock Shipper.—An extensive business is that carried on by Mr. C. Downing. He is a native of England and has been in the meat business here fifteen years. His market, on South Fifth Street, is one of the best equipped in Kansas. He has the best stockyards in Kansas. In his establishments are all the modern improvements. He has steam kettles for rendering lard and three steam tanks in the slaughter house. Mr. Downing is thoroughly deserving of the gratifying success he has achieved from the start.

Pioneer Drug Store, Mrs. C. Holzgang, Proprietress.—One of the most attractive establishments in Clay Center is that of Mrs. C.

has been in the business six years. She is a lady of superior taste, and shows fine skill in the management of her business.

Comstock House, Mrs. A. Whittlesy, Proprietress.—This house was taken in 1889 by Mrs. A. Whittlesy, and has under her management gained the name of being one of the best in the country. Mrs. W. is experienced in this business. She is a native of England, and well suited as hostess of this old-time popular hostelry. The house consists of a substantial three-story brick building and basement. There are large sample-rooms, bath-rooms, a basement and upper laundry, and three drying-rooms; also electric lights, barber shop, and a billiard-room. The dining-room will seat 200, and four polite hands are employed.



Holzgang, occupying a handsome two-story brick store 22x80 feet. She carries a carefully selected stock of drugs and chemicals, all popular patent medicines, surgical instruments, toilet and fancy articles, prefumeries, druggists' sundries. This business was originally established by Mr. C. Holzgang, in 1868, who has gone to Florida on account of ill health, leaving his wife in charge of all his business affairs. Mrs. Holzgang was born in Switzerland and came to the United States in 1870. She is also a cultured lady and one who has the esteem of all who know her.

Miss A. C. Vanway, Millinery, Notions, Etc.—This establishment is fitted up with special reference to a proper display of the stock. It was established four years ago, and has always done a large business. The premises occupied consist of a two-story brick building, 15x100 feet. There is constantly to be found on hand the latest novelties in millinery, notions and fancy goods. A specialty is made of dressmaking, which is done in the most stylish manner. Miss Vanway employs three hands all the time. She is a native of Huron County, Michigan, and

M. Montel, Bakery.—No people in the world excel the Germans in making bread, except, of course, their American descendants.

Mr. Montel was born in Germany, and has been in the bakery and restaurant business all his life, and is Clay Center's favorite caterer. He established himself in business here ten years ago, and now occupies a well-lighted building, one and a half stories high, and 35 feet square, where, with the aid of four sprightly assistants, he does a thriving business. Mr. Montel is a prominent I. O. O. F., and is thoroughly loyal to the country of his adoption, as he long ago demonstrated by valiant service in the Mexican war.

Geo. W. McCormick, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—Mr. Geo. W. McCormick is one of Clay Center's successful young men. A native of Kansas, (Riley County,) he formerly engaged in farming. Three years ago he came to Clay Center and commenced business. His store is 16x60 feet, located beside Vincent Bros'. hardware store, and contains coffees, sugars, spices, flours, syrups, canned goods, fish and fruit, butter, cheese, vegetables, etc. He is assisted by polite clerks, procures his goods from first-class sources, sells cheap and guarantees the quality of everything.

Mr. Haussermann, Meat Market.—Nothing is more conducive to the comfort of a community than a well-kept meat market. Mr. H. started his establishment two years ago, and it is now considered one of the substantial trading points of the city. He carries a large supply of all kinds of fresh and salt meats, fish and game, at lowest prices. His building is a two-story frame, 20x30 feet. Mr. H. is a native of Germany, and been nearly all his life in the butchering business, and always tries to make is pleasant for his customers.

Hotel Bonham.—Was opened to the public September 1, 1887. The house is a handsome specimen of architecture—brick, five stories, fitted with modern improvements; heated by steam, and electricity in every room. There are 100 sleeping apartments, bath-room on each floor. Fifteen hands are employed. The dining-room will seat 75, the tables being laden with the substantial and delicacies of the season. The halls and entrances are wide and spacious, and a beautiful view is afforded from all its windows. H. S. Lewis, the proprietor, was born in New York, and has been in hotel business 17 years. He was deputy sheriff and sheriff of Oakland County, Mich., eight years. He maintains the high reputation of the house constantly on the up grade.

John Ebinger, Fresh and Salt Meats; Game in Season.—The name of John Ebinger is synonymous in Clay Center with fine game and meat. Established but two years, he occupies a neat stone building, 30x60 feet. His ice chest enables him to keep game and meat always in good condition. He has a telephone, 76, in his store, which is a convenience few retail stores here have. Mr. Ebinger is a native of Germany, was formerly in the grocery business, and belongs to the order of the K. of P.

Mrs. Selts, Millinery and Fancy Goods.—Situated on Eighteenth Street, in Clay Center, is to be found one of the most complete stocks of millinery and fancy goods. Mrs. Selts is a native of New York, and learned her business in Chicago. Previous to starting this establishment, in 1880, she conducted the Selts House, the first hotel in Clay Center. With her fine

stock and courteous treatment, she commands a prosperous patronage.

W. H. Fletcher, Post Master.—Was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, and has lived in Kansas twenty-two years; first, farming, and for the last ten years in loaning money, and has not failed to lay aside a snug competency. He was appointed post master October 10, 1889. He is a Mason, G. A. R., having fought in Berdan's United States sharp-shooters. He is regarded as a stand-by of Clay County's prosperity.

Ed. Newell, Livery and Feed Stable.—At this establishment everything in the way of carriages for pleasure and business can be obtained. It was founded four years ago, employs two hands, owns ten head of horses and has room for twenty-eight. The building is 40x140. Mr. Newell is a native of New York and an old soldier, being at present a member of the G. A. R.

H. W. Selts, Jeweler and Watchmaker.—Mr. Selts occupies a building 30x60 feet, in which will be found a variety of bracelets, ear-



rings, pins, charms, and watches and clocks of all kinds; great judgment being shown in their selection. Mr. Selts was born in New Orleans. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a practical watchmaker and jeweler of many years' experience.

MANHATTAN.

No such limited area in Kansas has more of the combined works of nature and art to commend it than the Township of Manhattan. Watered by the Big Blue and Kansas Rivers, in their circuitous courses, its bottom lands are very extensive. South of the Kansas, Mont Prospect rises almost to a perpendicular height of 200 feet above the river, and from this sightly eminence may be viewed scenes perfectly enchanting. To the east and southeast lies the unrivaled Kaw Valley, dotted with improved fields, commodious stone farm houses, large barns and extensive orchards, a scene so enrapturing as to suggest "Pisgah's Heights," with its surrounding fertile and meandering vales. Blue Mont, to the north of the city, less precipitous but nearly as high, stands a perpetual sentinel over the Big Blue, whose limpid waters lave its shaggy base. Here at the confluence of these two majestic streams is a grandeur in the outlook, and this trying point, where comes the rustling of the autumnal leaves, the melody of the feathered songsters, in their harmoniously tuneful notes, and the gurgling voices of many waters, tells one of the great "Father of Waters" to the east, of the eternal Rocky Moun-

tains to the west, which the long hands of steel rails, running through the valley, unite.

Manhattan boasts of what no other town in Kansas can say of itself, of being, like London, a city the result of the consolidation of cities. In 1854, at the southeast corner of the present site of the city, was located the Town of Poleska. Later in the same season, a company of gentlemen from Eastern States met at the mouth of the Big Blue, and located the town site of Canton. Another party of gentlemen, a committee representing a New England company, arriving here, decided to combine their town interests with the above, so, on April 4, 1855, a consolidation of these three town interests was effected, the new municipality taking the name of Boston.

On the 27th of April, 1855, a colony left Cincinnati by way of the Ohio, Missouri and Kansas Rivers, determining to found a Manhattan which would bear comparison with the city on that island at the mouth of the Hudson. They had quite an eventful journey, bringing with them on their barge, the *Hartford*, ten houses all ready-constructed. About a mile above the mouth of the Big Blue their boat grounded. They drove in a wagon to the present site of



KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Junction City, and there founded the town of Manhattan. The Boston association had an interview with them, and by surrendering to settlement half of their claim to the Cincinnati company, they persuaded them to come here, and the beautiful City of Manhattan was founded, the Cincinnati people shipping their houses down the stream to this place. One or two of these houses are still standing, and occupied. The following year the first stone house was erected.

It is not generally known how important and valuable are the deposits of stone in the ridges adjoining the valleys of the Kansas and the Blue Rivers. The Manhattan building stone is getting a great reputation, not only for its durability, but for retaining its clear and beautiful white color. The development of the stone quarries has only fairly begun. A person of moderate means can easily build a home.

Manhattan has now a population of over three thousand people.

The State Agricultural College, with its four hundred to five hundred students every year, is a valuable feature in the life of the community. It has a permanent endowment of half a million dollars. Tuition is free to all.

Manhattan is a good manufacturing point. It is a railroad center; is within fifty miles (by rail) of the Osage City coal beds; hard wood sells at four dollars and a half a cord, coal four dollars per ton. Water and water power is abundant. A gravity system of water is now being completed, the reservoirs being one hundred and sixty feet above the river, high enough to send a stream over the college buildings. Manhattan has well earned her title of "The Beautiful City." Broad streets, paved with the very best material; beautiful avenues, shaded with double rows of stately elms on either side; valuable residences; a large park — forty-five acres.

On the western border of Riley County — of which Manhattan is the county seat — is Fort Riley, the geographical center of the United States.

This city is an excellent grain market, and also a center of fruit culture. During this season there are large shipments, North and West, of berries and grapes, and immense quantities of apples are sent to Colorado and to the western counties of Kansas. Large trains of wagons come here, hauling great loads of apples from the orchards of this region. With the enormous crops of every sort in

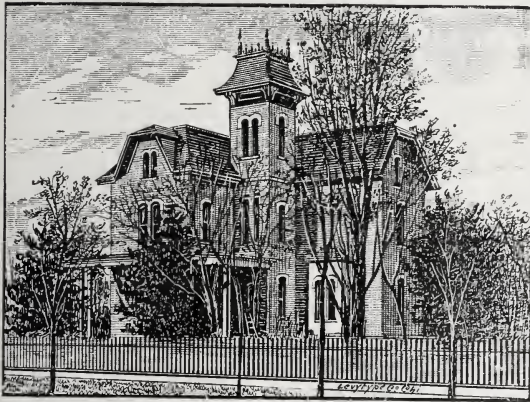
the county, and with all their sources of income, Manhattan and Riley County have a fine outlook for the future. There is a prospect that the splendid water power of the Blue River, just above the city, will shortly be utilized. Manhattan needs and will certainly soon be supplied with electric lights.

It has always been a city of churches. The first church—Methodist Episcopal—was organized on board the *Hartford*, on the Ohio River. Its history is coeval with the city. When there were five hundred people here, there were five separate places of worship. Eleven congregations now worship in their own handsome edifices. They have all fine parsonages, and are free from debt. All civic societies are well represented.

The country surrounding has always kept pace with the town, and farmers and stock-raisers are all prosperous. Extensive orchards in the vicinity make fruit abundant and cheap. Here also is the great blooded stock center of the State.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MANHATTAN.

The E. B. Purcell Mercantile Company.—This company was incorporated in 1887, with a capital of \$50,000, succeeding the old and



RESIDENCE OF HON. E. B. PURCELL.

well-known "Cash House" of Mr. E. B. Purcell, established in 1866. This mammoth establishment employs regularly twenty-five hands, and everything is here to be found for sale—clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, grain, barb wires, buggies, carriages, implements, etc. The building is of magnificent dimensions, being 100x150 feet, two stories high, built of stone and brick. There are five departments, seven entrances and an elevator. There is also a stone warehouse, 50x100 feet, two stories high, with elevator used for grain, implements, buggies, etc. While at this establishment can always be found the best, it may also be stated with equal truth, that here may be found the cheapest, an additional fact which has contributed to the store's success. The president of this flourishing corporation is Mr. E. B. Purcell, the president of the Manhattan Bank. The manager, Mr. J. F. Mansing, is a native of Germany. He belongs to the K. of H., and has been manager of this house since it was incorporated. He has resided here sixteen years, always with Mr. Purcell. Those dealing with the E. B. Purcell

Mercantile Company can rely on securing advantages not readily duplicated elsewhere.

Manhattan Bank.—This bank was established in 1870, and is the oldest bank in Kansas west of Topeka. Its premises consist of a fine two-story brick structure, and the general appointment embraces all the modern adjuncts of convenience. From its establishment the bank has received a large and liberal patronage from the best custom. Mr. E. B. Purcell, born in Pennsylvania, is well known here as a capitalist, banker, and proprietor of the E. B. Purcell Mercantile Company. John W. Webb, cashier, was also born in Pennsylvania. He is a Mason, and has been in the banking business since 1870. He is the right man in the right place. The heavy suit threatened against the bank this spring has not affected its working, for its immense resources enable it to meet all demands.

The Manhattan "Republic," A. A. Stewart, Proprietor; Fine Job Work a Specialty, and Prices Low.—The *Manhattan Republic* was first established ten years ago as a weekly paper, with Republican principles. It grew rapidly into public favor, and now has a weekly circulation of 1,500 copies. In 1887 was started the daily *Republic*, that now has attained a circulation of 450. The machinery used in printing the *Republic* is run by water power, having a water motor in the building. With a force of six printers and enjoying unusual facilities for lightening the amount of work done, the proprietor is exceedingly fortunate. A. A. Stewart, the editor and proprietor of the *Republic*, is a native of Wisconsin, and in April, 1875, when but eighteen years old, was elected superintendent of the printing department of the State Agricultural College, which position he held for nearly eight years. In October, 1881, he resigned to accept the foremanship of the job department of the *Topeka Capital*. In 1884 he returned to Manhattan, and, by the purchase of a half interest, associated himself with Hon. Albert Griffin in the publication of the *Nationalist*.

In July of the same year President Arthur appointed him post master of Manhattan, soon after which he discontinued the printing business. In October, 1886, on account of "offensive partizanship," President Cleveland suspended him. Since July, 1888, Mr. Stewart held the position of foreman on the *Republic*, until February 8, 1890, when he purchased from G. A. Atwood the daily and weekly *Republic*, which is recognized as one of the most valuable newspaper properties in the State, and under its new management we predict for it a career of great brilliancy and pecuniary success.

First National Bank.—The City of Manhattan has reason to feel proud of her banking institutions. The First National commenced business in September, 1887. The capital is \$50,000. In addition to the elegant general office, it has private offices, committee rooms, etc. Messrs. Green & Hessin are attorneys for the bank. Col. John B. Anderson, president, was born in Washington County, Pa. It has been largely due to the energy, forethought and

sagacity of this well-known capitalist that the bank has prospered, for, previous to his being the president, he has been a director of the institution from the start. He is one of the oldest settlers in Kansas. During the late war he had charge of supplies in Sherman's army, and was general manager of the United States military railroads. He is also of journalistic fame, having been many years ago in the book and newspaper business in Southern Indiana, in which State he owned two seminaries, one for boys and one for girls. Geo. S. Green, vice president, was born in Ohio; he is a Mason, and is the attorney. Geo. S. Murphy, cashier, is a native of Delaware, Ohio. He is a Mason, and has been banking since 1873; he came here from Iowa; he is also a director of the bank and secretary of the Building and Savings Association here. The high position the bank occupies is a sufficient guaranty that its course has been directed by a wise and honorable policy.

The E. B. Purcell Elevator, Manhattan Mills and Cement Manufacturing Co., Manhattan Building, Lumber and Coal Co.—The E. B. Purcell



STORES OF E. B. PURCELL MERCANTILE CO.

Elevator is operated in connection with the Manhattan Mills, which it adjoins, and which are located on the U. P. and Santa Fé R. R. The Manhattan Mills and Cement Manufacturing Co. was organized in 1886, as also was the Manhattan Building, Lumber and Coal Co. Messrs. Purcell and Ritchie are president and manager respectively of each company, in which upwards of ten men are employed. These mills have a capacity of 300 barrels, and are operated by steam power (120-horse power). The mills are one of the handsomest stone structures (iron roof) to be found in Kansas, being three stories high, with basement. Mr. Ritchie, the efficient manager, is a native of the State of Ohio, and is a Mason. He brings to bear every qualification essential to enduring success.

Chicago Lumber Company.—The Chicago Lumber Company, which was established in 1866, has here an important branch, under the able management of John L. McCullogh. He has held this position for the past seven years, in which time the business has been largely increased until now they control nearly all the trade throughout this section. Mr. McCullogh has had an experience in lumber covering eight years before coming with this firm. He was born in Iroquois County, Illinois; is an ardent Mason, and prior to entering the lumber

trade, was for some years engaged in the blank-book business. The Chicago Lumber Company are fortunate in securing the services of one who looks so well after the interest of the company he represents.

Chas. Tegmeier, Groceries and Provisions.—A well assorted stock of groceries and provisions can be found at all times in the one-story and basement store, 20x52 feet, which has been occupied by Chas. Tegmeier, of this city, since 1874. In his employ are three clerks, busily engaged in attending to the wants of many patrons. Although a wagonmaker by trade, and a native of Germany, Mr. Tegmeier has made his business a paying one from the start, and is a man well thought of by all classes.

Union National Bank, of Manhattan, Kas.—The policy of the Government, as seen in the national banking system, best subserves the business interests of the country. The Union National Bank was organized April 15, 1889. Its capital paid up is \$50,000. The growth and prosperity of the bank has been *pari passu* with the growth and prosperity of the city. The building, which is owned by the officers, consists of an ornate, two-storied stone structure, embracing the modern adjuncts of convenience, safety and elegance. The bank is one of the most *solid* in Kansas, half of the stock being owned by the business men and farmers of the city and vicinity. The president, Dr. J. B. Mitchell, was born in Virginia, and served through the late war in the capacity of surgeon, having the rank of Colonel. Ten years of his life was spent mining in Colorado, with much success. Orville Huntress, vice president, has large interests here in the grocery business. The cashier, L. L. Ashbrook, Jr., was born in St. Louis. He has been ten years in banking, formerly in St. Louis, and is eminently adapted to his work.

Bassler & Bro., Seedsmen.—At certain sons of the year the most welcome voice to be heard is that of the traveling salesman for such a well known seed house as Messrs. Bassler & Bro., established in 1884. This firm, with twenty years' experience as seed growers, soon made themselves felt, and now their productions are to be met with in all the leading stores throughout this and adjoining States. They occupy a substantial iron-clad frame building, where they employ several hands in packing and sorting. Messrs. B. are natives of Pennsylvania. They take care to put on the market none but the best productions of their gardens. No seeds are kept over one year, and all remaining unsold are destroyed and fresh stock substituted.

W. M. Snow, Abstracts.—Among the prominent men of this city, few are more sought after than Mr. Snow. Having the only set of abstract books for Riley county, he is singularly fortunate. Establishing the abstract business thirty-two years ago, he early identified himself with the history of Manhattan, and has occupied many positions of trust, among which have been county clerk, register of deeds, clerk of probate court, Recorder of the Western Land District and judge of the probate. Few men are so well pre-

pared for their business as Judge Snow, as he knows nearly every foot of ground in Riley County, its owners, past and present, and his advice is sought by all who come here to locate. He has seen Manhattan grow from a small hamlet on the prairie to be a growing and prosperous city. Mr. Snow is a native of Rhode Island, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

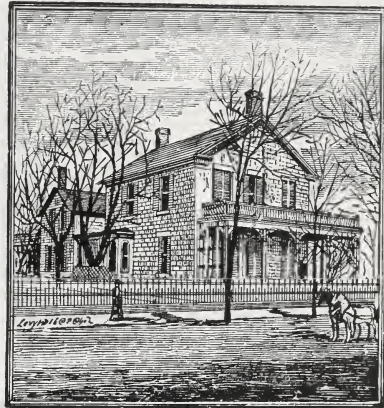
S. D. Ross, M. D., Homeopathist.—As a successful homeopathist and a welcome friend at the bedside of the sick, none are more warmly received than Dr. S. D. Ross, of this city. The doctor is a native of Grundy County, Illinois, and studied under Dr. G. W. Woolsey, of Normal, Illinois. He then entered and graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College in 1879. He then took a private clinical course in physical diagnosis, under Albert Goldspohn, M. D., in the ward of Cook County Hospital, from whom he obtained a certificate. In connection with his practice he has lately introduced a novelty, possessed by no other physician in the State, viz., "The Hoffman-Palmer Electro Therapeutic Cabinet," the motive power being an exceedingly novel and expensive battery. This cabinet is so constructed that the following baths can be taken: a Turkish bath, a Russian bath, a Turko-Prussian bath, an electro-vapor or electro-medicated and a perfume bath. The action of these baths is such as to equalize the circulation, reduce congestion and inflammation, impart tone to the nerves, arouse the vitality of the weak and overcoming diseased conditions of the body that medicine fails to reach. For relieving and permanently curing diseases of the brain and nervous system, eye, ear, respiratory and digestive organs, skin diseases, distorted limbs, swollen and distorted joints, nothing has ever been found that gives so complete a cure.

J. N. Limbocker's Real Estate Exchange.—Among the many commercial industries that assist in building up towns and cities up one exert a greater influence than real estate agencies. With an experience covering 30 years since J. N. Limbocker first opened his office in this city, the real estate trade has developed to an extent hardly dreamed of in 1859. On his books are listed many choice parcels of real estate, both in town and country. In insurance he represents some of the best companies, and can write you up a policy that may purchase ease you from great loss. Mr. Limbocker, who is a native of Michigan, formerly engaged in farming in this State, and is a member of the Union Labor party.

W. W. Hoadley, Insurance and Real Estate.—For some years Mr. W. W. Hoadley taught school in this city, and later opened up the real estate and insurance business in which he is now engaged. Representing seventeen of the largest fire companies, besides the Travelers Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Ct., and the Travelers Accidental Insurance Company, of the same city, he is prepared to suit all in their choice of companies. Much of the best resident and outside property on the market is controlled by Mr. Hoadley, and he is prepared to offer many bargains, either for cash or on time. Mr. Hoadley has been four years a mem-

ber of the county board of examiners for teachers. He is the city assessor, and was formerly a member of the board for education for three years. He was born at Plattsburg, New York, and is a graduate from the State Normal School, at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and was at the State Normal School, at Potsdam, New York, for four years. This gentleman has had a busy and eventful life, and is regarded as one of the foremost men in all matters of public enterprise. He belongs to the Masonic order, K. of P., and the I. O. O. F.

G. W. Higinbotham, Proprietor of Blue Valley Mills; Dealer in all Kinds of Grain, Live Stock, Hard and Soft Coal.—The leading manufacturing industry in Riley County is the Blue Valley Mills. This mill dates its origin back to



RESIDENCE OF HON. GEO. W. HIGINBOTHAM.

1859, is located on the Blue River; it is an imposing structure, two-story stone, employing twelve men. It turns out one hundred barrels of flour daily, and among the leading brands may be mentioned the "Patent," "Frost King," "Golden Rule," "Victor" and "Kansas Best," all of which have a well-deserved reputation. In addition to his milling interests, Mr. Higinbotham is also a large dealer in grain, live stock, hard and soft coal, and occupies for this part of his business, a large two-story building, 25x100 feet, besides warehouses for storing coal and grain. Mr. Higinbotham has been a resident of Manhattan for thirty-three years, thirty of which have been spent in the building up of his milling interest. He stands high in the financial and commercial interests of the city and State.

Fred. L. Murdock, D. D. S.—Although a young man and but lately established, the prospect for Dr. Murdock looks very bright. The Doctor was born in Oakville, N. Y., and had for his preceptors in dentistry Drs. Hewit and Campbell, of Kansas City. After pursuing his course of study he entered the Kansas City Dentist College, from which he graduated with the class of 1888. His office and waiting-room are well arranged and handsomely furnished, and we predict a large share of success will accrue to Dr. Murdock as the result of his locating in this thriving and prosperous city.

Judge Geo. C. Wilder.—The subject of this sketch is well known to the people, not only from the importance of the position he holds, but as a lawyer of ability, who, for the past fourteen years, has been prominent at the bar of this county. Judge Wilder is a native of Massachusetts, and before entering upon the practice of law was many years engaged in railroading in Massachusetts and Kansas. He studied law, for which he has a peculiar fitness, after business hours, while yet in the railroad business; graduated and was admitted to the bar, in 1875. He is now serving his second term as probate judge. In his law practice he gives special attention to collections, examination of titles, settling of estates, drawing deeds, wills, mortgages and other instruments.

H. C. Crump, Real Estate, Loan and Abstracts.—Among those engaged in the real estate, loan and abstract business here no one is better known for their reliability and exactness than H. C. Crump. Born in Indiana, Mr. Crump served through the war as a member of the 39th Indiana Inf., and is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and a bright light among the Masonic fraternity. As a member of the Northern Kansas Real Estate Association he enjoys unusual advantages for aiding would-be purchasers of real estate, and will gladly advise them to the best of his ability. He also does a large business in abstracting and in the examination of titles. Any person putting their business in the hands of this gentleman can depend upon its receiving careful attention whether they be residents or non-residents. For ten years this gentleman was register of deeds for this county, from 1874 to 1884.

R. E. Lofinck, Stationery, Jewelry, Etc.—R. E. Lofinck, dealer in stationery, jewelry, music and notions, has a stock second to none, in the variety and number of articles that fill shelves and cases. Mr. L. has been in this business for ten years and has but recently moved into a new and elegant store, with modern improved front, plate glass windows, that is 80x30

feet, there by having the finest store of its kind in town. Before opening up his present business he was for three years an apprentice in a jewelry store in town, and there acquired a practical knowledge of the watch and jewelry business. The success attained by this gentleman is merited, having been won by persistent effort and application.

"The Bazaar," Mrs. J. L. Bardwell, Millinery and Notions.—"The Bazaar" is known among the ladies of this city and county as headquarters for the latest styles and novelties. Dealing in Millinery and Notions this lady makes a specialty of stamping, and always has on hand every sort of material for fancy work. She also has the agency for the Universal patterns, which will be sent to any address, postpaid, on receipt of price, and she also receives subscriptions for the Universal Magazine, at one dollar a year. This lady's place of business is 15x50 feet. She is assisted by a skillful trimmer. Mrs. B.'s four years' connection with a dry goods house here has given her an acquaintance that is of great value to the success she has attained. This lady is a native of Massachusetts, having been born in the old and quaint town of Old Hadley, which was the scene of many stirring events, sung in prose and verse, of matters prior to the opening of the Revolutionary War.

Commercial House, Rube Gillett, Proprietor.—Although this house is not so large and extensive as others, the traveler can here find good beds, excellent cooking, and first-class service. Only opened since June 1, 1889, it is doing a fine business among the traveling men, and the public generally. The hotel is of brick, two stories, and has thirty bed-rooms. The dining-room has a seating capacity for forty-four persons. Twelve servants are given employment. Mr. Gillett has had ten years' former experience in this business. He was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and, since coming to Manhattan, has succeeded far above his expectations.

CONCORDIA.

CLOUD COUNTY.

THE Republican Valley is unsurpassed in fertility, and Cloud County, through which it runs, has amply proven this by the enormous yields of corn from year to year.

Cloud was the banner county in the State in the production of this staple in 1884, producing the enormous amount of 5,920,920 bushels of corn, being second to only one county in 1886 in same production.

A farm on this valley four miles west of Concordia has made an average of fifty bushels of corn to the acre since 1886, one year with another. Several herds of thoroughbred cattle, such as Short Horns, Holstein, Jersey and Polled Angus are kept in the county, and the farmers as a rule are grading their cattle up to a high standard. Several companies have been organized among the farmers in the county for the pur-

chase and breeding of imported English and French draft horses, while still other companies pay exclusive attention to roadsters. The result of such care and attention to horse breeding has been a general-purpose horse, combining the speed and endurance of the Kentucky bluegrass roadster with the weight and strength of the English and French draft horses, coupled with the adaptability of our own native horses to our own climate, producing altogether the most satisfactory results.

Good farm lands can be had at very reasonable rates, ruling prices being from ten to fifty dollars per acre, owing to the improvements and location. There is not in the whole county to exceed five thousand acres of what would be termed waste land.

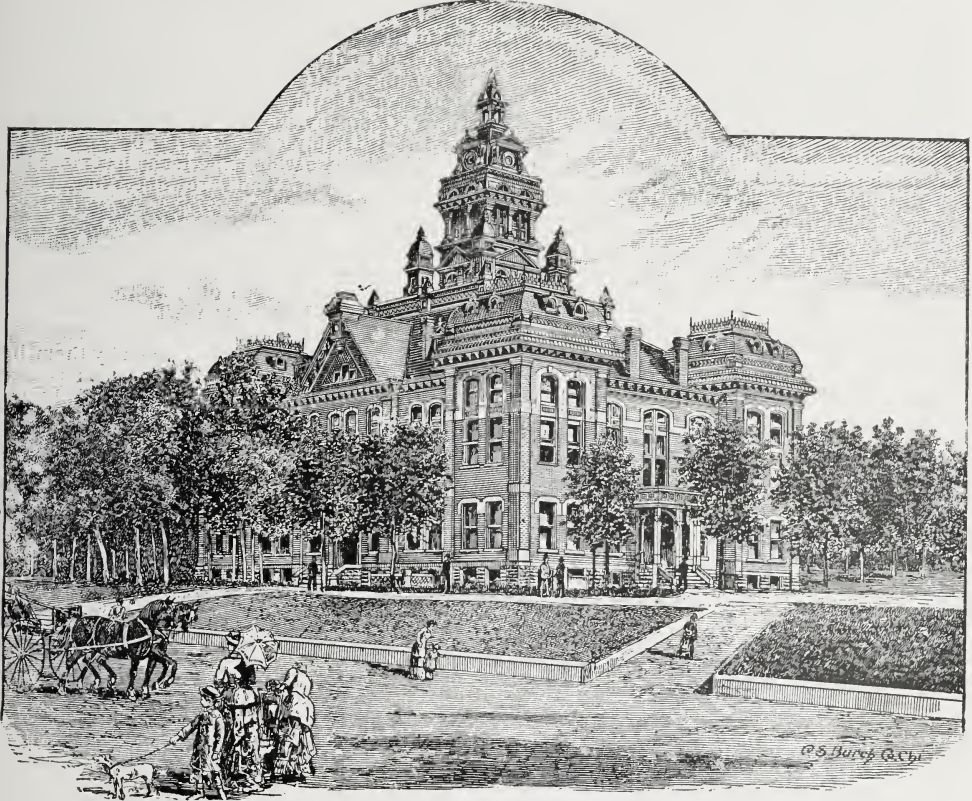
Coal is found in various parts of the country and is being developed daily. The output for

the present year will more than equal the home demands, an item of no mean consideration, as fuel is one of the heavy expenses in the West.

Salt is found in the western part of the county in springs which come to the surface, but has never been developed except for home consumption and house and stock purposes. A company with sufficient capital to develop the salt deposits of this county could invest in no better or surer thing than salt works at this place. Good building stone is found in all parts of this county, and some of our finest business blocks in the city are of native stone.

of a normal school by the State at Concordia for one year was an incident of value to the growth and prosperity of the then embryo city, and should have been continued and sustained by the Legislature.

Then came the railroads with their locomotives thundering along their converging lines to Concordia, and you know the rest. With a pair of field glasses ascend the elevations south and west of the City of Concordia, and one has a magnificent view up and down the Republican Valley. The small streams that empty into the river from the north and southwest, with their



CLOUD COUNTY COURT HOUSE, CONCORDIA.

CONCORDIA.

After the close of the war, settlement and improvement of the County of Cloud and adjacent country became rapid. The practical judgment, observation and knowledge of the topography of the surrounding country, of J. M. Hagaman, induced him with others to select the townsite of Concordia, which became the county seat of Cloud County by vote of the people in 1869. Results have shown that the location was a wise one.

When the United States Land Office was located here, in the fall of 1870, there were but four houses in Concordia, but the scenes of activity which followed astonished the most sanguine, and the following summer's sun shone upon a thriving village. The water power of the river was utilized by the erection and operation of the flouring mill; and the location and maintenance

valleys, are topographically situated for cheap railway grading and converging several more lines to and through this city, and observation by civil engineers have made them aware of the fact.

To-day Concordia has a population of nearly six thousand people—ruled by ambition's strongest impulses, and carried forward by hope's incessant planning and constant urging. These elements—physical and mental—are the powers that rule our people to-day, and that will give her a destiny grand. Concordia is a city of the second-class, with two hundred business men; has splendid schools, fine churches, good society and minor considerations in the degree indicated; has four trunk lines of railway, three feeders, besides two surveyed extensions and three certain division headquarters. It is the railroad center of North Central Kansas.

The city has one of the finest electric light plants, costing \$40,000, a magnificent system of water-works, seven church organizations, Sunday schools, secret societies with fifteen hundred members, a \$50,000 roller mill, foundry, fine opera house, four handsome school buildings, a roomy academy, a \$60,000 court house and many fine residences.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CONCORDIA.

Daniel L. Brown, Mayor.—Judge Brown, during his many years residence here, has been ever active in advancing the welfare of the city. Born in Marshall County, Ind., at the age of fifteen he enlisted in the army, serving with the 87th and then in the 42d Ind., till wounded at Kennesaw Mountain, June 20, 1864. After the war he finished his education at La Porte, and was admitted to the bar in 1867; he was the youngest sheriff Indiana ever had, being known as the "boy sheriff" in 1870. Since 1879 he has been located in Concordia. He was elected probate judge in 1883, till recently he was elected chief executive of the city, serving three terms as judge. He has been most successful in business and is regarded as a born financier. He is an I. O. O. F., K. of P., and has many admirers in all grades of life. He does a large business in loaning money on real estate, in buying and selling city, county, State, railroad, water and other bonds.

The Concordia Loan and Trust Co.—No detailed account of the industries of Concordia would be complete without reference to this enterprise which conduces so much to the general thrift of the community and the promotion of its prosperity. The company was organized in 1887, on a capital of \$50,000. The president, James L. Lombard, is vice president and manager of the world-famed Lombard Investment Co., of Kansas City. Foreign loans are a specialty. They occupy a very elegant building next to the Citizens National Bank. Mr. W. H. Dale, vice president, was born in Ohio, and was formerly in the same business in Emporia, Kas. Mr. C. P. Tilden, secretary, was born in Creston Iowa, having formerly been assistant cashier of the Creston Bank, Creston, Iowa. In such hands the success of the company was a foregone conclusion, and the high position it occupies among the fiduciary concerns of the State is a sufficient guaranty that its course has been directed by a wise and honorable policy.

Charlie Crans, Flour and Feed.—Mr. Crans's career in this town shows how success ever attends the careful exercise of hard work and economy. He established his business January, 1887, and during those two short years has obtained a custom which ranks it in standing with the largest houses. Mr. Crans was a clerk before going into his present business; was favorably known, and so was not long in acquiring this large patronage. He occupies a handsome one-story stone and frame building, 22x100 feet, well adapted to the business; six rooms in the rear for feed. The store is filled with a

stock of choice flours, corn, wheat, oats, meal, bran, hay, etc. Mr. Crans is very attentive to business, and is assisted in attending to his many callers by polite clerks. He is prepared to fill orders to any amount in his line, and guarantees best goods at lowest figures.

The Concordia "Blade."—The Republican party has no more able advocate of its principles in the State than the Concordia *Blade*. This paper was established in 1879 by Mr. J. M. Hagaman, a native of New York State, and now has a weekly circulation of 2,500, and is fast making its way to new readers. Mr. Hagaman is a lawyer by profession; was admitted to the bar in this city. He is one of the old pioneers of Cloud County, coming here in 1860, and was one of the few that located Concordia, and was also one of the first members of the Concordia Town Company. The paper employs four hands. It is ably edited by its originator, Mr. Hagaman, whose wide experience has made him a man of judgment and shrewdness in the ways of the world.

Davies & Lucier, Tailors.—Nothing more clearly indicates the metropolitan character of a city than the existence of a fashionable tailor shop, as is the above firm. Their business is very extensive, requiring the assistance of ten tailors. Three rooms are occupied by them, in a building 25x50 feet in area. The firm is composed of Messrs. J. T. Davies and P. O. Lucier. Mr. Davies was born in Wales, where he learned his profession and followed it both in his native country and London, where he was employed two and a half years as cutter at Ashley's. He was also cutter two years for Emery Bros. & Chittenden, in Flemington, New Jersey, where he had charge of the entire tailoring department. Thus is he complete master of his art. He has been for some years a member of the K. of P. Mr. Lucier is a native of Illinois, and his experience in that State and this has made him an accomplished tailor. He was formerly of Le-moine & Lucier of this city. They have won the unbounded confidence of the public, by their superior work and goods which they turn from their store.

E. Howe, District Court Clerk.—One of our city's cultivated and best informed men is the district clerk. He was born and reared in Indiana, and as far back as 1852 graduated from the medical college of Cincinnati. He also practiced dentistry somewhat, but for some years has not been in practice. During his residence in Kansas he has filled several local offices with credit to himself and very satisfactorily to his electors and friends. As district court clerk he has sustained his reputation for correctness, carefulness and politeness, having been in office since January, 1889. He is a public-spirited citizen, an influential member of the time-honored order of Odd Fellows.

Chas. Proctor, County Clerk of Cloud County.—Was born in Illinois and did meritorious service for the cause of freedom in the 20th Wisconsin Inf.; he has been a farmer most of his life in his native State, in Missouri and now for many years in Kansas. Here he has many

friends, made by his honesty and conscientiousness, while his agreeable and genial manner continue to make him many more. He took office in January, 1888, and has attended to its affairs most satisfactorily to the bar, bench and public. He has a well trained staff of assistants, takes an active interest in Cloud County, of which he is a bulwark and stay.

Convent of Nazareth and Academy of Concordia.—The best educators are drawn to this State by its delightful climate and other advantages, and they infuse into our schools the life that has made them so very remarkable for the efficiency of their work. The Convent and



CONVENT OF NAZARETH AND ACADEMY OF CONCORDIA.

Academy of Nazareth, although only five years old, has taken a place in the front rank of our institutions of learning. The Lady Superior, Sister Stanislaus, is one of those cultured ladies that the State of New York sends us. She presides over "The Mother House," the Convent of Nazareth. She has the assistance of twenty-four sisters. One of the finest musicians in the West gives instruction in that department. All higher branches are taught. That there are pupils in attendance from all sections of the country is evidence of the rank this institution holds. There are fifty pupils boarding and about forty day pupils in the Academy, while there are in a separate building from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred pupils, constituting a day school. In the convent is a chapel, and all the conveniences that are necessary to make it a first-class school. Young ladies go from here prepared to enter and adorn society.

Pepperell Bros., Post Office Book Store News Stand.—The popular house of Pepperell Bros., since its establishment, in February, 1887, has enjoyed a flourishing trade in the city and the adjacent country. Out of this house persons can furnish themselves with everything to be usually found in a first-class book and stationery store, namely: Books of all kinds, including school books, the leading newspapers; fancy goods, plush goods and fine stationery being a specialty. The store is well appointed, occupying a two-storied brick structure, 44x60 feet, in the Post Office Building, and is one of the most attractive to be found in Kansas. The Pepperell Bros. are natives of England; W. H. Pepperell is ex-post master and an A. O. U. W. The firm are conversant with every detail of the

business and fully deserve the success their energy and thrift have achieved. They have been the architects of their own fortune and in commercial circles they stand among the best.

The Pacific Express Company, W. F. Pratt, Manager.—Since the establishment of this express company at this important railroad terminus, business has not failed to keep pace with the prosperous growth of the city. Mr. W. F. Pratt, a native of Kentucky, is the manager, he having been ten years here in the business. He is also the Missouri Pacific Railroad ticket and freight agent. He is a Mason and grand overseer of Kansas, A. O. U. W.; second vice president Railway Station Agents' Association of United States; treasurer State of Kansas Railway Station Agents' Association; has been councilman of the City of Concordia for three years. At present, president of the council. His well-deserved success has been gained by close attention to business. He enjoys the esteem of the community and manages this company's affairs in a first-class manner.

Dr. T. E. Rains, Homeopathic Physician.—As a representative of the homeopathic system of medicine, Dr. T. E. Rains of our city is one of the leading physicians in the State. During the nine years that he has been located here his success has been great. Dr. Rains is self made. Before entering his chosen profession he had been a druggist several years but his keen judgment and perception at once brought him to the front as a light in the fraternity. He has elegant rooms in the Citizen's National Bank Block, supplied with electric light and all the latest conveniences necessary, and the latest medical and surgical appliances.

Holcomb & Bro.—This firm has one of the most complete stocks of hardware, implements, wagons and buggies in Concordia. Their harness department turns out some of the very best workmanship, and they make a specialty of harness to order. They have also a fine stock of guns, ammunition and tinware. They have been established since November, 1887, and now employs three hands. The store is a frame building, 88x100 feet in area. Mr. Holcomb was born in New York State, but came West when a boy, and entered the hardware and implement house of Mr. E. B. Purcell, at Manhattan, Kas. He then secured a position with the Davenport, Iowa, Plow Co., and worked in the shops for five years. He is a I. O. O. F. His brother was born in Vermont. Their management has made them successful and popular business men.

Mrs. La Rue, Millinery, First Door East of First National Bank.—The millinery store in Concordia, situated one door east of the First National Bank, is one of the institutions of the city. Mrs. La Rue only opened here February 1, 1889, but has already acquired a large trade; her store is one of the sights of the town, and occupies a neat two-story brick, 20x90 feet. It is filled with such a stock as is seldom found outside metropolitan cities. It includes elegantly

trimmed hats, straws in latest shapes, feathers, caps, children's bonnets, and a very large variety of imported stuffs for trimming purposes; also notions. She is regularly assisted by two trimmers, and in the season increases this force. Mrs. La Rue is a New Jersey lady by birth, and is eminently endowed with that taste for which the French are so famous, of which descent she is. She is also a competent business lady, and can always offer her customers what they want, at reasonable figures. Without her advice a lady of this county is not considered dressed.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, G. B. Balston, Manager.—Of the many enterprising names which go to make up this city, none more strongly contribute than the worthy subject of our sketch. Mr. G. B. Balston was born in England, and is the B. & M. ticket and freight agent at this important railroad terminus, as well as manager of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, located at the depot. He has been here over three years in this business, has been twenty years in all with the railroad company, and is one of its most trusted persons. Mr. Balston is a Mason and an A. O. U. W. He stands well in the community, and is known for his fine character. The success of the companies he represents and manages at this point must be entirely laid to him.

B. H. McEckron & Son, Palace Drug Store.—To write the history of Concordia without mention of Mr. B. H. McEckron, would be divesting it of one of its principal factors. It is through the efforts of such men that we have been guided safely through the dangerous channels of political waters, and landed on the shore of Peace and Prosperity, under the protection of the flag of "Union." He was formerly member of the State Legislature, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. For nine years he was Register of United States Land Office, and is now vice president of the Citizen's National Bank of Concordia. He is a Mason, and served his country fifteen months in the 2d Wisconsin Cav. He was born in Washington County, N. Y.; removed from there to Wisconsin, and from that State to Kansas. On his removal here, in 1878, with his son, Geo. McEckron, he established the Palace Drug Store. It is a two-story brick and stone structure, with the main store-room, 28½x65 feet in area. Mr. Geo. McEckron was born in Marquette County, Wis. In its line of business this firm stands eminently in the front in this community in quality of goods, and the courteous manner in which all are waited on, is one of the characteristics of the house that has made it so very popular.

A. Barcelo, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, 112 West Fifth Street.—These stables consist of an imposing brick building, 50x110 feet. There are forty roomy stalls, twenty-one livery and ten boarding horses being kept constantly on hand. Three hands are regularly employed to meet the demands of the ever-increasing business. Mr. Barcelo was born in Canada, and is a K. P. He started this livery in 1883. He is one of the oldest citizens in Concordia. He is senior member of the firm, Barcelo & Co., of this city, who are well known throughout the State as

buyers and shippers of stock to Kansas City and other places. He enjoys a patronage which designates him as leading in his line, and is justly honored among the representative citizens of Concordia.

R. Misell & Co., Real Estate, Loans and Collections.—Among the leading real estate dealers in this enterprising and growing city is the firm, R. Misell & Co., established several years. They do a flourishing business in loans and collections and real estate. They are recognized authorities as to the present and prospective value of the residential and business sections of the city, and number among their customers prominent investors and property owners.

The Exchange Hotel, C. Guilbert, Proprietor.—For its reasonable charges of \$1.25 a day, the Exchange Hotel provides the best accommodation in this section. With seventeen nice bed-rooms it can guarantee the traveler a comfortable night's rest. Three times a day are served as fine meals as anyone would wish to eat. The hotel has been now known to the public eight years, and has an established trade. Mr. C. Guilbert, the popular proprietor, is a worthy gentleman. He is a Canadian by birth, has lived in Kansas about twenty-two years, and has made many friends. He is always social, and makes his guests feel themselves at home under his hospitable roof.

Rigby & Wilson.—This firm, successors to Simmons & Wilson, although only established since February, 1888, are doing double the business of the old firm. They are located in an elegant three-story brick and stone block, with the main store room, 26½x100 feet. Their stock is of prime quality and consists of furniture, baby carriages, carpets, curtains, oil cloths, wall paper, mouldings and mirrors; with this they combine undertaking. Mr. Rigby was born in Pennsylvania, and was for many years bridge contractor on a large scale; he is a member of the Masons and K. P's. Mr. Wilson is an old furniture man, and four years in the business here. He was born in Pontiac, Ill., and previously followed hardware and the lumber business for three years. He is a popular man about town, and member of the Masons, K. P., A. O. U. W., and Modern Woodmen.

Martin House, B. Martin, Proprietor.—Mr. Martin has been established here for over ten years. The house is a large building, containing twenty-two bed-rooms, and a handsome dining-room, large sample-rooms, etc. It is located on the corner just beyond the depot; every train, night or day, is met, and polite help is employed. Many stop off here for no other purpose than to get a good meal, while ladies break the fatigue of a long railroad journey by remaining over here for a good rest. In connection with the hotel, Mr. Martin keeps a lunch-room two doors south of the depot, where lunch is served in good style and with dispatch. Trains stop here twenty minutes for supper, and many are the travelers who patronize Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin was born in Canada, and reared in Illinois, where he resided thirty-two years before coming to Concordia. He is a jolly, good

landlord, and runs the best \$1 per day hotel in Kansas.

Lewis & O'Harra, Liverymen, West Fifth Street.—The livery business is well represented in Concordia by Messrs. Lewis & O'Harra. They have been here since 1882, and have acquired a nice trade, both in hiring and boarding as well as in selling horses. They have nine horses for livery purposes, with carriages, hacks and buggies to match, and are noted for giving turnouts which can be relied upon to do the best work. They have forty stalls, and have from ten to twelve boarders. Mr. Lewis is a native of Indiana, and served the Union in the 17th Kansas Reg't, Co. B; he was nine years raising cattle and horses in Texas; his uncle and partner is also a native Indian, served in the 89th Indiana Inf., Co. E, and is now one of the prominent agriculturalists of Republic County. Mr. Lewis is a general favorite here with all, and the firm are considered a just credit to Concordia.

J. H. Geiger, Photographer.—The avidity with which inventions have been utilized by the photographer is convincing proof that the spirit of enterprise is a distinguishing feature of those engaged in this art. Mr. G. established in February, 1887. His store measures 20x42 feet, and comprises as perfect an establishment of the kind as can be found in the State. Mr. G. was born in Ohio, but has lived chiefly in Indiana—he formerly was engaged in farming. He belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 12th, Indiana Cav. The skill and honorable dealings of Mr. Geiger are amply proven by the liberal share of public favors bestowed on him.

Dr. Letourneau, Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Letourneau is one of the successful physicians of Concordia. He early took a liking for medicine. He graduated from Laval University, Canada. Settling down in Concordia, he has built up a large practice from this section of the country. He has performed all the capital operations successfully. He also studies chronic diseases, at which he has attained quite a reputation, curing every case put into his hands. Dr. Letourneau practiced some years in Quebec, where he was surgeon of Marie Hospital. He occupies a handsome office, which is situated over the Bon Marché dry goods store. He is a Canadian by birth, and is considered a factor in the comfort of this prosperous community.

L. M. Tarr, United States Signal Service.—In reviewing a city we must not forget to notice those interests which, though not peculiar to it, yet are a direct benefit to the general welfare. Such a thing is the United States signal service office, which in Concordia is under intelligent management. Mr. L. M. Tarr, the Government's observer here, has been in the signal service six years, during which time he has gained promotion by his merit. He is a native of Brunswick, Me., and finished his collegiate education at Bates College, Lewiston; he soon after entered the signal service, and has been located at various points, acquiring such information and experience as only change of venue can give. He came here from Detroit, in November, 1888, and is considered quite an acquisition to the community, for though attending patiently to the duties

of his office, he finds time to take an interest in outside matters. He is a member of the K. of P., an energetic young man, and a favorite with all.

Dr. F. L. Marcotte.—The oldest practicing physician of our city was born in Illinois, of French descent. He studied classics at St. Viateurs University, Bonhonnais, and graduated in medicine and surgery at the Chicago Medical College, in 1877. He practiced in Kankakee one and a half years, and came to Concordia in 1879. He belongs to the Republican Valley Medical Association, is a K. of P. He was president of the United States Examining Board of Surgeons here, and is surgeon for several railroads.

Dr. T. C. McCassey, Veterinary Surgeon.—Dr. McCassey made thorough preparation for his profession at the Ontario Veterinary College, and graduated with honors. In 1886 he came to Concordia, and has made a great success; he makes a specialty of original ridgling castrating. In earlier years he followed farming and carpentry. He is both a Mason and Odd Fellow. He attends to calls promptly, takes every care of the suffering brute and charges reasonable. His infirmary is at Barcelo's livery stable.

Concordia Foundry and Machine Shops.—Manufactures are what the people want; let the work be done at home, is the cry. These shops are the only thing of the kind here, and do all the light and heavy casting and wrought iron work for the county. They make iron fronts, columns, pilasters, sill plates, window guards, caps, steps, brackets and roof cresting. They make a specialty of store fronts. Bridge builders order from them both cast and wrought iron work. The foundry started in August, 1887. The building is stone, 30x100. Twelve hands are employed. Mr. Crider, the owner, is a Pennsylvanian, which may account for his success as a founder. He has lived here since 1871.

D. H. Judy, Millinery.—Among the important enterprises of this city, we specially notice that of Mr. D. H. Judy, whose very fine millinery house was established in 1889. Several hands are employed, while the premises are complete. There is constantly to be found on hand the best assorted stock of latest millinery. Ladies' hats and bonnets are made to order and invariably with perfect satisfaction. All that is handled is of the best quality and moderate in price. Mr. Judy is a native of Ohio and was recently three years city clerk and also water works commissioner. He served the cause of the Union in Co. E, 36th Indiana Inf. and soon afterwards came West; he is one of Concordia's oldest and best citizens; he was thirteen years merchandising here; he has been city assessor and township trustee; he is an influential I. O. O. F., and is active for his city's advancement.

Barons House.—One of the handsomest hotels in the entire West is the well-known Barons House, of Concordia. A sojourn at it tells us there are a few bright spots in life, and who that has traveled in this Western country has not heard of the name of its genial proprietor, Sam H. Barons, who, though

his house is full to overflowing, can lay you on a shelf and make you feel as if you were still in a king's palace. The house is a four-story stone. Kansas has not within her borders a more elaborately furnished hotel; it has over one hundred rooms, lit by electricity, bath-rooms, barber-shop, steam laundry fitted with Dolph's machinery, the renowned livery stables, five sample-rooms and billiard-hall. The house was refitted a few years ago, nothing modern being left out. Mr. Barons is an experienced hotel man; he formerly owned the hotel at Clyde, and came here five years ago. He was born and reared in Rochester, N. Y., and came to Kansas from there. He is an honored member of the Masons. His wife, Mrs. F. E. Barons, was born in Rochester, and has had eleven years' experience in hotels; she is known for her kind attention to every one and for her personal supervision of everything. Two genial clerks, J. F. Starkey, a Lawrence boy, and G. I. Bristol, of Rochester, a brother-in-law of Mr. Barons, are excellent men for their positions.

John M. Brumbaugh, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agent.—Mr. Brumbaugh, in his three years' residence in Concordia, has built up a loan and insurance business of considerable magnitude; a business which is constantly growing and which in a short time will yield a substantial return for his labors. He is also the Fish Commissioner for the State of Kansas, and any one having any business with him in the way of procuring fish for private ponds, or for streams or lakes, will find him ready and willing to aid them in every way possible. There are many persons who do not realize the importance to themselves, as individuals, of the fish industry of the State; but, if they will write to the Commissioner, he will cheerfully give them all information desired and aid them in every way to increase this cheapest of all food supplies. There is scarcely a quarter-section farm in the State upon which a half-acre pond could not easily be made, and, after it is stocked, will yield a supply of wholesome food which will more than supply the farmer's family at all seasons of the year, fresh and at little expense and labor. Mr. Brumbaugh has some carp literature for free distribution to those who care to apply for it.

J. M. McCassey, M. D., M. C. P. S.—Is a Canadian by birth. At an early age he entered the Owen Sound Coll. Institute, where he won distinction as a debater and writer, having been awarded the first prize of the Institute for English essay in 1880. He continued his study of classics, mathematics and higher English, at Queen's Univ. until 1883, when he entered Toronto Medical College for the study of his chosen profession. Here he was elected to deliver the toast of the freshmen at the Twelfth Annual Banquet of the college, which went on record as the finest piece of oratory and humor delivered on such occasions up to that date. In the spring of 1887 he graduated from Victoria University M. D., C. M., and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Ontario, Can., M. C. P. S., with first-class honors, and won a fellowship before the teaching body. Soon after he landed in Concordia, Kas., the home of his adoption, where he soon found more business than he can conveniently attend to, and is to-day recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons in Northern Kansas. His practice is not confined to his neighborhood, but reaches into adjacent counties. Dr. McCassey has immortalized his name in the pages of medical literature. His writings can be found in the chief medical libraries

of the United States. His writings appeared first in the *Weekly Medical Review*, of St. Louis. For some time he filled the position of surgeon to the B. & M. and Central Branch R. R. He is a member of the R. V. M. A., and State Medical Association. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., Modern Woodmen, etc., and is a social and liberal-minded gentleman.

W. R. Harvey, City Clerk.—Mr. Harvey is serving his first year as city clerk, and is acknowledged the best man in the town for the position. He is also waterworks commissioner. He is a gentleman of considerable experience and is a native of Indiana. He is one of Concordia's oldest and best citizens, and the past prosperity of this city is due largely to the enterprise of such men, and the future growth of the city must depend upon them.

W. R. Priest, M. D.—A resident of Concordia for the last three years, is a native of Ohio. He studied under the well known Dr. E. Walker, of Cincinnati. Graduating from the Ohio Medical College in 1886, he makes a specialty of surgery, in which he has performed some difficult operations. To diseases of the eye he also pays special attention. The doctor keeps well read and informed, and has hosts of friends. He is a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F., K. P., K. of H., A. O. U. W. and Modern Woodmen.

Concordia "Daylight," E. Marshall, Editor.—Mr. Marshall printed his first number March 6, 1889, and since has obtained 1,500 subscribers. The paper is printed in city style, and employs four compositors. Mr. Marshall has been sheriff of the county for the last four years. He was born in England, and in the civil war enlisted in the 1st Wisconsin Volunteers. At its close he came to Cloud County, and farmed fourteen years; he is a Mason and G. A. R. man. The *Concordia Daylight* is meeting with a great success, and does honor to Concordia, in whose interests it is steadfastly working.

The Bankers Loan and Trust Co.—The marked career of this company calls for obvious mention. It has a capital of \$100,000, was founded October, 1886, and has been a factor in the progressive spirit of the county. It occupies its own handsome building. It makes a specialty of Western farm mortgages. The president, T. B. Smith, resides in Vermont and is president of the Cloud County Bank, of this city, while his son-in-law, W. H. Wright, also resides at Brandon, Vt., as manager of the Eastern office. W. T. Branch, a native of Milwaukee, is the efficient secretary and general Western manager. He farmed for twenty years in Vermont. He is the past chancellor commander of the K. of P. lodge in this city. Mr. Wm. M. Peck, born in Vermont, is the treasurer, being also the cashier of the Cloud County Bank here. The greatest credit is due the officers of this company for the enterprise they have ever displayed.

E. C. Wood, Boots and Shoes.—Not many cities in Kansas possess as fine shoe stores as that of E. C. Wood. This consists of a substantial two-story brick building, 25x80 feet, in which will be found all kinds and sizes of ladies', gents', and children's shoes, boots and slippers, at prices within the reach of all. Hav-

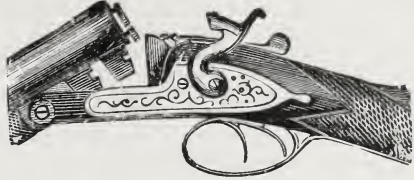
ing been in this business most of his life Mr. Wood is a good buyer. A native of Canada, he learned his business in Illinois and Missouri, and when he started for himself in Concordia, in November, 1887, at once entered on a brisk trade. He is an Odd Fellow and is regarded as a man of worth and standing.

M. V. B. Sheafor, Probate Judge.—Was born in Ohio and reared in Iowa; as a young man he did gallant service four years in the war under Grant and Sherman in the 4th Iowa Cav. and was badly wounded in the famous cavalry charge at Selma, Ala., on the 2d April, 1865; he soon after came to Kansas and has since taken an energetic part in her progress. He was admitted to the bar in 1869; he has made a specialty of pensions and claims against the Government, and by the many he has obtained has made himself most popular. He is also in real estate and insurance, and is a notary public. He is a prominent Mason, K. P. and G. A. R.; is conscientious in the active discharge of his duties.

The Pacific House.—Is a flourishing hotel, established in 1879. That it has acquired a reputation as one of the best \$1.50 a day hotels in the State is due to the enterprise of its owner,

John G. Osborne, a native of England, who does everything in his power for the comfort of his guests. Mr. Osborne was some years a "knight of the grip" in the cigar business; was also mining in Nevada many years.

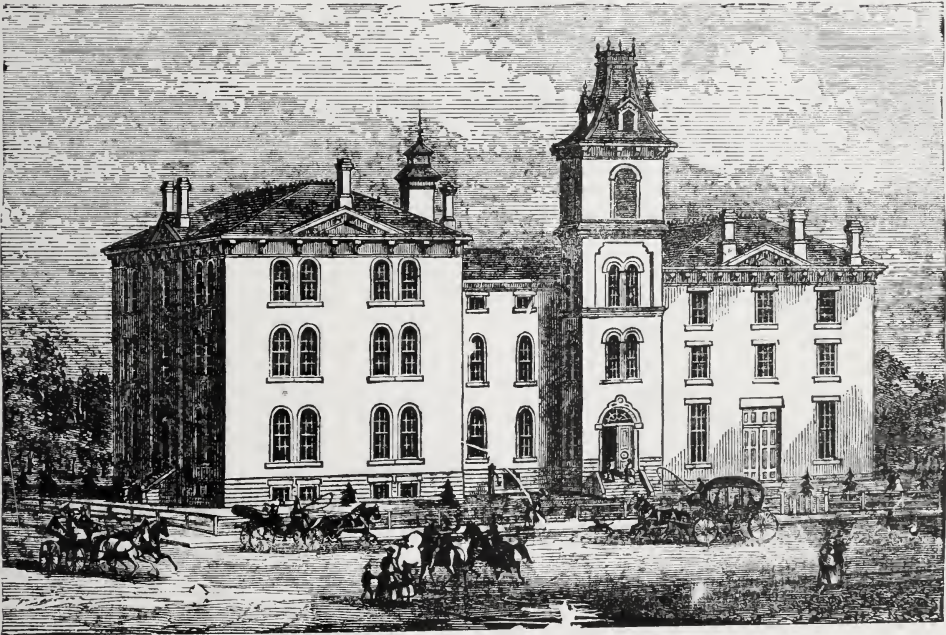
W. J. Redwine, 215 W. Sixth Street. Gunsmith, Locksmith and Machinist.—Repairs



all kinds of guns, revolvers, bicycles, etc., at reasonable prices. Does only first-class work and guarantees satisfaction. Shop, five doors west of McDonald's bank.

Dr. A. Gay, Wholesale Manufacturer of Corn Husker's Salve, Improved Cough Syrup, Flesh Wound Liniment and Western Condition Powders, Concordia, Kas.

MILTONVALE.



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, MILTONVALE.

MILTONVALE, though young, is one of the most solid little cities in the State. While Kansas has been complaining in the last few years, Miltonvale has been steadily improving and is regarded by all who visit her as a thriving place. The town

was settled in 1880, and was named after Milton Tootle, one of the brainiest men who has ever been in the West, and who did much to make the town prosperous. In 1883 the town was incorporated and had then a population of two

hundred and fifty; to-day it has twelve hundred. The people are honest, industrious and pleasant, and every stranger visiting the town always feels like returning, as the citizens do everything to make them feel at home. The town is situated in the southeast corner of Cloud County, twenty-eight miles southeast of Concordia, on the Santa Fé Railroad, and at the terminus of the Kansas Central. Thus it does not lack good communication with the outside world. The Santa Fé gives it quick connection with its main line running east and west, and it is really the road coming through here that has made the town grow. It runs two passengers and two freights daily through here. From Miltonvale a stage goes twice a week to Glasco, through a section of country as beautiful as there is in the world. We have already spoken of Cloud County, and will not take up our reader's time here. Miltonvale is well represented in all things that go to make up a happy and prosperous community. It has nice churches, the Christian, Methodist Baptist, Presbyterian, Universalist and Episcopal bodies being well represented. It has good public school buildings, two hotels, steam elevator, one of the finest in the State, flour mills, two newspapers. The shipments are principally grain, live stock and farm produce, in which it shows a yearly increase. In secret orders it has a lodge of Free Masons, Daughters of Rebekah, A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F., G. A. R. and others. It has four hotels, three banks, one jeweler, three lawyers, one saddlery, one grain-mill, four doctors, two brick yards, three drug stores, four coal dealers, two newspapers, one Y. M. C. A., one W. C. T. U., four liveryies, one steam elevator, four stock buyers, three churches, one cigar factory, one butcher shop, two lumber yards, three Sunday schools, four millinery stores, four real estate firms, two hardware stores, six boarding-houses, Santa Fé Railroad, Kansas Central, one fine opera house, three blacksmiths, two implement houses, one feed store, one six thousand dollar school building, five dry good houses, three groceries, three bakeries, one book store, furniture factory, and a fifteen thousand dollar creamery.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MILTONVALE.

Miltonvale State Bank.—This flourishing institution was incorporated in 1886, on a capital of \$50,000. Its quarters are fitted up in a style of modern elegance; it does a large general business and makes a specialty of collections at reasonable rates. The president, W. P. Rice, was born in Maine, and is one of the best known capitalists in Kansas, being a director in various other banks. He is an Odd Fellow. Previous to the time he began banking in 1883, he was assistant superintendent of the State prison in Maine and superintendent of the Vermont State prison for five years. The vice president, C. E. Bush, was born in Vermont. Mr. Edward Weck, cashier, was born in Switzerland and raised in Illinois. He is a Mason. He was formerly three years banking at Clyde, Kas., and has been four years in this bank, having been also at

Clyde in the real estate, loan and insurance. No gentleman stands higher than he in public estimation. J. G. Cushman, assistant cashier, was born in Vermont, where he was in the county clerk's and probate and insurance office. He is a Mason. The officers are gentlemen of established financial ability and enterprise.

Wm. S. Phelps, Notary Public, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—The real estate business of Mr. Wm. S. Phelps has been established some time, and having ample resources, practical experience and influential connections, we can especially commend this gentleman to prospective investors. Not only is Mr. Phelps an extensive real estate, loan and insurance agent, but he is also notary public, and furnishes money at short notice, on lowest terms, and makes a specialty of drawing legal papers and collections. Mr. Phelps is thoroughly conversant with all details of the business, having been twenty years in it, in Iowa, Downs, Kas., and Nebraska. He was born in Pennsylvania, and is an I. O. O. F. He is a prompt, reliable, and wide-awake gentleman, in every way deserving the success he has achieved.

C. E. McDaniel, General Merchandise.—A noteworthy mercantile establishment is that of C. E. McDaniel, who was established March, 1882. He deals in dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes and family groceries. His store was one of the first built here. It consists of a fine one-story frame building, 24x80 feet, and wareroom 16x24. Mr. McDaniel was born in Shelbyville, Ky., and has followed a mercantile life since he was eighteen years of age. His patronage represents the high-class custom of the vicinity, and he is justly popular with all.

John Squires, Implements, Etc.—Since the establishment of this house, in August, 1889, its business has constantly increased, until it has become in its special line one of the representative concerns of the State. The spacious premises are 50x72 feet; located near the railroad, affording convenient transportation facilities. He deals in agricultural implements, wagons, carriages, portable and stationary engines, threshers, coal, grain, etc. The trade chiefly lies in Cloud, Clay and Ottawa Counties. Mr. Squires was born in Kentucky. He received his education in Indiana, leaving that State in 1867; then lived in Iowa ten years, finally moving to Kansas in 1877. He belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 75th Indiana Volunteers. Before this business he farmed with success in Kansas and Iowa.

James Neill, Butcher.—The growth of all cities is due to the development of all its resources. Mr. James Neill, proprietor of one of the finest meat markets in this section, has been established over ten years. His store is 20x40 feet. He sells all kinds of fresh and salt meats and makes the most excellent sausages, his house having gained a wide name for the general excellence of his goods. He employs two hands all the time. Mr. Neill was born in Ireland. He is a Mason. He is one of the oldest settlers in Kansas; formerly farmed, and has lived here sixteen years.

T. C. Bond & Son, General Merchandise. This well-known firm was established April 13, 1887. Their business has prospered, and been constantly on the up grade. Their premises are 20x70 feet, suited to the display of the excellent stock, which consists of groceries, boots, shoes, dry goods, etc.; three hands are employed. Mr. T. C. Bond was born in North Carolina. He is an I. O. O. F., and fought in the war, in the 6th Missouri Cav. He was president of the city council for two years. He built the elevator here, having formerly been in the grain business two years. He is an extensive and successful farmer, farming and owning 525 acres of land near town. His son is a native of Missouri, and has been in the business three years. These gentlemen are considered among the representative business men of Miltonvale.

Eagle Drug and Book Store, A. R. Bardrick.—A well-known and prominent house in its particular branch of commercial activity is that of A. R. Bardrick, established five years. The premises are 24x60 feet. The stock includes a complete assortment of drugs and chemicals, fancy, toilet and druggists' articles, books of all kinds, stationery and a general newstand. Mr. Bardrick was born in Illinois. He is a Mason. He is a thorough expert at the business, having been in it many years, formerly at Minneapolis, Kas. His establishment is one of the most complete in the city. Mr. Bardrick, has deservedly become identified with the most respected business men here.

J. McArthur, Law and Collection, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—A prominent business in Miltonvale is that represented by Mr. J. McArthur, who was established four years ago. He practices law. He also does a fine collection, real estate, loan and insurance business. He was born in Scotland and is an attorney by profession. He came to the United States when quite a boy. He studied with Geo. M. Crawford of Omaha, and Judge Borton of Kansas. He was admitted in 1885, in Kansas, and to the United States courts in November, 1886. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 10th Massachusetts Inf. He is recognized as thorough in everything he does, possessing every facility for the successful management of his business.

O. A. Loomis, Drugs, Etc.—In Miltonvale our pen sketches would be incomplete did we not make especial mention of Mr. O. A. Loomis's popular and attractive drug store, established five years, the present proprietor having conducted affairs two years. It is 24x80 feet in dimensions, and admirably arranged for the display of the stock, which consists of a large assortment of pure and fresh drugs and chemicals, toilet articles and druggists' sundries of all kinds, paints, oils, etc. He is thoroughly skilled in the accurate compounding of prescriptions and recipes, giving his personal attention to this department. Mr. Loomis was born in Massachusetts, and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 31st Wisconsin Inf. He formerly farmed in Kansas and Wisconsin.

W. B. Wyman, Painter and Paper Hanger.—An efficient exponent of this branch of skilled

industry is Mr. W. B. Wyman. He has been established six years. He is a native of New York State, and is thoroughly acquainted with all the details of his important business, having followed the trade all his life. His premises are 20x60 feet; four to five hands are employed to meet the demands of a constantly growing business; his success being an illustration of what can be accomplished by business principles, correctly and energetically applied.

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—A well conducted establishment is that of Mr. L. M. Trudell, who, in March, 1888, succeeded James Gordon. These stables have obtained a wide public appreciation, the finest outfits being kept on hand and hired on reasonable terms. Commercial trade is solicited. The main barn is 40x80, the smaller one 20x30. Mr. Trudell has always fifteen head of horses of the best stock and has capacity for fifty. Four hands are employed. He breeds during the entire year, for which purpose he keeps a magnificent full-blooded Percheron stallion, which is his personal property. Mr. Trudell was born in Vermont and formerly farmed fifteen years in Kansas.

The Star Millinery Store, Mrs. A. L. Cline.—One of the enterprising concerns in Miltonvale, is that known as the Star Millinery Store, of which Mrs. A. L. Cline, a native of Salem, Harrison County, W. Va., is the proprietress. This house was established 15th September, 1888. The neat premises are 25x50 feet in extent. Two ladies are employed. Mrs. Cline came West, March, 1876. She formerly was in the dry goods business, in Leadville, Colo., Clarksburgh and Cloverdale, W. Va., also in the notion business, at Athens, Ohio, and Clay Center, Kas. Her large business is the natural outgrowth of her energy and personal attractions.

J. W. Tayloe & Son, Groceries, Provisions, Etc.—This firm was established in June, 1884, and occupies a commodious store, 25x83 feet, besides a warehouse, 16x20 feet; four hands are regularly employed. Mr. J. W. Tayloe was born in Tennessee; he was in St. Joseph ten years in this same business; he is a Mason and I. O. O. F. His son, W. B., is a native of St. Joseph; he is an A. O. U. W. They have made a success in business, due to their energy and perseverance.

Chas. Noyes, Flour, Feed and Ship Stuff—One of the standard establishments of this city is that of Mr. Charles Noyes, whose business was founded five years ago. The premises are 45x90 feet. He does a flourishing business in flour, feed and ship stuff, and makes a specialty of buying and selling grain. Mr. Noyes was born in Canada. He is a Mason, and has been in the West over thirty years, having come here from Montreal. He was formerly well known as one of the largest stock raisers in the country.

G. Kuhnle, Manager, General Merchandise.—The store managed by G. Kuhnle, has been established five years. The premises are 25x70 feet. Three hands are employed. The fine stock of merchandise is unsurpassed in this section of the country. Mr. Kuhnle was born in Germany, and is the owner and manager of

Kuhnle's Opera House and Kuhnle's Temperance Billiard Hall. He is a Mason and a K. P. He was formerly engaged in the same business at Clay Center for several years, and has always been found identified with enterprises looking to the progress of the city.

Miltonvale Elevator, W. T. Matthews, Proprietor.—Among the important establishments of this city that deserve special mention we note with pleasure that of Mr. W. T. Matthews, who started the elevator in 1885. He deals in grain, coal and stock, and has more or less been engaged in this business ever since the town was started. He is agent for the widely celebrated Cañon City Coal. He ships to Leavenworth, Kansas City and many other places. Mr. Matthews was born in Logansport, Ind. He is an Odd Fellow. He was formerly engaged in general merchandise here. He is widely known in commercial circles, and enjoys the respect of business men through the State.

Dr. J. Hall.—A gentleman favorably known in this community is the object of our sketch. Dr. Hall was born in Ohio and has practiced in Miltonvale upwards of four years. He was formerly in the drug business here. He studied medicine with Dr. Myers, of Missouri, and graduated in 1879 from the Keokuk, (Iowa,) University, first beginning to practice in Iowa. He belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the late Civil War in the 21st Missouri Inf. He has always obtained a liberal share of public favor.

Dan. V. Myers, Boots and Shoes.—There is probably no article of dress, upon which comfort and ease so much depend as a good fitting shoe. Mr. Dan. V. Myers was established in 1888. He is a native of Park County, Ind. He has learned his trade thoroughly, and many years' practice has made him perfect in this special line. He is known as the "Lightning Repairer." His work is of the best quality and made from the best material. He keeps ready-made boots and shoes also.

The Miltonvale News, J. C. Cline, Editor and Proprietor.—One of the enterprising citizens of Miltonvale is the subject of our sketch. Mr. Cline was born in Virginia. His paper is one of the most readable journals in this section. Five hands are employed in his office. He has been a publisher for twenty-five years. He established *Cline's Leadville Press* in 1880, the *Clyde Mail* in 1882, and the *Ames Advance* in

1884. In 1886 he bought out as well as the *Ames Advance* and the *Ames Star* the *Miltonvale News* and the *Miltonvale Star*, and on April 1st, 1886, established the *Oak Hill Echo*. Mr. Cline writes long and interesting stories for his own paper, and is a brilliant contributor every week to the *Chicago Ledger*. He is reporter for the Inter-State Associate Press, whose headquarters are at No. 500 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Mo. There is no one in this State who has been a harder worker than Mr. Cline. He is president of the city fire department, and also city clerk. He is now serving the second year as secretary of the American Bible Union Auxiliary, of Miltonvale.

City Hotel.—This hotel was started in 1888, and is furnished throughout with all the adjuncts of comfort. Mrs. Mary Legoult, the popular proprietress, is a native of Canada, and came here from Smith County, Kas. She lived many years in Chicago, where she married. She has made her house sought after on account of her able management.

Wm. Sharpe, Dealer in Grain and Coal.—Success in the grain and coal business requires activity and energy, and keen business tact. Mr. Wm. Sharpe, established in 1885, does a large trade, and formerly was engaged in the same business at Idana, Kas., and also at Clifton, Kas. He is a native of Canada and came to the United States in 1870. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. Mr. Sharpe formerly farmed in Kansas, and was a contractor and carpenter in Clifton.

Commercial House.—Has been established six years, is owned by the proprietors, Eaves & Jones, and is one of the best houses for the money in the country. Mr. Eaves is a carpenter by trade, was born in Illinois, and in the war served in the 2nd Colorado Cav. Mr. Jones was born in Boston, is a printer by trade, and was admitted into the above partnership in June, 1888.

W. R. Davis & Co.—Were established in the year 1883, and possessing ample capital have done an annually increasing business. W. R. Davis was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and has been in this line fifteen years, and formerly was in general merchandise, farming, coal and real estate affairs. He is looked upon as public-spirited and progressive.

CLYDE.

CLYDE, in its beauty of appearance and situation, equals any other city on the Republican Valley. It is surrounded by lands in richness unsurpassed, cultivated by thrifty, industrious farmers.

In point of morals it is hard to excel. As we have known and lived in its vicinity for over twenty-three years, in this matter we can testify from our own experience. During all this time but one murder has occurred in the city limits,

and that was caused by an unhappy occurrence between husband and wife; a railroad hand was the victim, and the disturbing element which caused his own destruction. We remember of but one burglary, which was in a business house, but know of nothing of the kind ever occurring in a private dwelling; but one case of robbery has ever taken place, and even that was doubted.

As for churches and schools, our city has kept pace with any live Kansas city, having a

large school house which cost over ten thousand dollars, and the very best of teachers are now employed in it. In addition to this, the Catholics have recently erected another building, at a cost of forty or fifty thousand dollars, in which a school is being maintained under an excellent corps of teachers. Of churches, the Baptist, Catholics, Presbyterian and Methodists, all have substantial buildings, with pastors in every way capable of imparting words of divine truth.

Of saloons, it is a matter of pride that it can be said they are things of the past. Since their abolition a criminal suit is getting to be a rare occurrence. The police court seems to be a useless appendage; suits before it do not amount to one in three months.

Clyde is fortunate in regard to railroads. She has three important lines, viz.: The Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska. We speak in the order they were built to this place. By the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska the city has a through connection with Denver. The city in point of business done within its limits is well represented by the large grain and stock shipments. Another important feature is her packing-house and creamery. One firm ships twelve thousand pounds of butter a month; another a car load of eggs every week. In the spring the poultry shipments run about ten thousand pounds a week. The banks and merchants are all doing a good business, and are polite and accommodating.

The city is also supplied with good and a sufficient amount of pure water. Her water plant is of the stand-pipe system, is No. 1, and affords a safe protection against fire; with it, it is almost impossible for a building to be consumed by fire.

There are some things, it must be admitted, Clyde stands in need of, and of which capital might safely invest in; one is a good grist-mill, and the other a canning factory. With those appurtenances new life would be given it, which would cause other enterprises to spring up that would ultimately make it a city greatly to be sought after.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CLYDE.

The Exchange Bank.—Established in December, 1882, by its present proprietor, F. A. Griffin, Esq., has been an important factor in the commercial interests of Clyde; doing a general banking business, it also makes a specialty of first mortgage loans on Kansas real estate. Careful in its money matters, it requires all commercial paper to be gilt edged and first class in every respect, thereby exhibiting a marked difference between many private banks in this State, where greater chances are often taken for the sake of an increased profit. Mr. Griffin is serving his third year as city treasurer, the people placing the utmost confidence in him. Before going into regular banking he was many years in the loan business. This excellent gentleman is a native of Michigan, a K. T. Mason, and is a financial pillar of Clyde.

The First National Bank.—Was established five years ago, on a capital \$50,000; the surplus is \$10,000, and dividends 12 per cent. W. S. Crump, a native of Indiana, has been president, since the bank was organized. S. F. Robinson, vice president, was born in Thomaston, Me., and has been in banking three years. N. B. Nutt, Jr., a native of Eastport, Me., is cashier. He is a Freemason, and has been in the business twenty years. He has shown himself worthy of his position. E. D. Curtis, assistant cashier, was born in Pennsylvania, and has lived West most of his life. The bank is committed to a wise policy and is among the leading financial institutions of the Western States.

State Bank of Clyde.—The origin of banks is obscure, hidden in the dim traditions of the past. The merchants of Tyre and Sidon, it is supposed, practised a system of banking. The State Bank of Clyde was organized in July, 1886, on a capital of \$50,000. The officers are: President, E. S. Marsh, of Brandon, Vt.; vice president, T. J. Parish, of Brandon, Vt.; cashier, W. T. Cowell, was born in Maine, and seven years in banking. We do not intend to be fulsome when we say that the management of this bank has evidenced a degree of high-toned principles and honor, and an intimate knowledge of finance, that reflects credit not only on its officers, but upon their city.

Clyde Banking Company.—Clyde is admirably supplied with substantial financial institutions, among them the Clyde Banking Company, started May 7, 1888. The capital paid up is \$100,000. The president is W. P. Rice, the well-known capitalist. E. K. Streeter, the vice president, was born in Wisconsin, and is an old banker. S. F. Robinson, the competent cashier, was born in Thomaston, Me. A. E. Morris, assistant cashier, was born in Bideford, Me., where he was connected with the City Savings Bank. The company conduces in a marked degree to the furthering of Clyde's general mercantile welfare, makes a specialty of real estate loans, being headquarters for farm loans and money to loan on personal and chattel security.

John Beland, Boots, Shoes and Groceries.—Among the enterprising business concerns in this city is the Parlor Shoe Store, of which Mr. John Beland, the successor to Mr. Randolph, is the proprietor. He came to Clyde from St. Joseph, Kas., and has been six years engaged in the business. The store is 22x60 feet. The stock is a select one, embracing everything in the line of men's, ladies', boys', misses' and children's boots and shoes, as well as the finest groceries. Mr. Beland was born in Canada, and was raised on a farm. He is a member of the St. John the Baptist Society. He is known for his fine character and stands well in the community.

The Clyde "Argus," Morley & Smith, Publishers.—A recent acquisition to the ranks of journalism is the Clyde *Argus*, started January 1, 1888. Its principles are Republican, and the influence it has already acquired in the city and county is very considerable. The circulation reaches 552 weekly. All kinds of job work are done at this office, and satisfaction in all

respects is guaranteed to all who may leave their orders, verbally or by mail. Chas. A. Morley is a native of Ohio, and Owen V. Smith, of Kansas, the latter being a member of the International Typographical Union. Under the management of Messrs. Morley & Smith, the successful career of the *Argus* betokens a bright future for it and Clyde.

E. W. Lamb, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.—Mr. Lamb, dealer in hardware, stoves and tinware, wind-mills and pump fixtures, making a specialty of well drilling, is among the leading merchants of Clyde. Beginning business March 9, 1887, in the large one-story brick, 22x100 feet, he finds room for an elegant display of the latest improvements in all classes of goods. In connection he has also a large workshop, which keeps busy four practical workmen. Mr. Lamb was formerly engaged in farming in this State. He is a native of Indiana, a Mason, Odd Fellow, Select Knight, A. O. U. W., and is an important element in the make-up of Clyde.

J. W. Shilling, Bakery, Confectionery and Restaurant.—Few places of business are better arranged than the premises occupied by Mr. Shilling, who is well up in his line of trade, and by the use of the best materials enjoys a large and profitable custom. The store is 24x70 feet, with a bake room in the rear 24 feet square. Two bakers are employed. Mr. S. is a native of Pennsylvania. He studies to please, and his trade is constantly on the increase.

J. L. Teeters, Jewelry.—The house of J. L. Teeters is the leading one in its line in this city. The store proper is 25x60 feet. Well filled with elegant examples of the goldsmith's art, watches, of gold, silver, and nickel, for ladies, gentlemen and children, from the well-known Elgin, Waltham and Rockford manufactures, in this country, to the more expensive Jurgensen, of foreign importation; clocks, jewelry, silverware, etc. The store was opened June 14, 1887, and has been under the management of W. D. Groff. Mr. Groff is a comrade of the G. A. R., having served in the late Civil War as a member of the 26th Pennsylvania; afterwards in the 210th, in the Army of the Potomac, at the battle of Gettysburg, he was made prisoner, and soon afterwards made his escape. By trade he is a builder and contractor, but for thirty years has been engaged with great success in the business he so worthily sustains, as the leading jeweler of Clyde.

C. O. Crump, Express Agent.—To conduct the express business requires talent of the first order, and a natural aptitude for details. Such a person is Mr. Crump, who takes charge of the business here of the Pacific and United States Companies. Mr. C. was formerly clerk in an importing house, and then connected with the post office here; later he was depot agent, from which he was called to his present post, which he has filled with much satisfaction. He is a native of Indiana, member of the A. O. U. W., and holds the confidence of the entire community.

James Turner, Furniture and Carpets, Washington Street.—Mr. Turner started in 1882, and has had a career of prosperity. He carries the cheapest as well as the most expensive bedroom sets, sofas, easy chairs, rockers, lounges, tables, sideboards; also matting, oil cloth, ingrain, tapestry and Brussels carpets. To display this large stock Mr. Turner has a two-story, with basement, 25x80 feet. He has two assistant salesmen. By birth a Scotchman, he came to America in 1849. He inherits the indomitable perseverance of his race, that under all circumstances forces it to the front.

S. L'Ecuyer, Agent for Howell Bros., Dealers in Lumber, Lath, Sash and Lime.—Among those who occupy positions of trust and fidelity in the great lumber interests of our State must be mentioned the name of S. L'Ecuyer. His trade is not confined to the city alone, but extends through the adjoining country, and along the line of railroad. For eleven years Mr. L'Ecuyer has been engaged in general merchandising here, but the last five years he has been in lumber, filling the position with benefit to his employers. A native of Canada, he has since his residence in Clyde been recognized as one of the progressive men here, willing and ready to advance the city's interests by all means within his power.

The Clyde Herald.—Established in '77, is an active Republican weekly; a good square organ, with a circulation of 600. It is also a good means of reaching the houses of the people by advertisement. Job printing is also done. J. B. Rupe is a native of Indiana, and before entering journalism was engaged in farming in this State. As a member of Co. L., 2nd. Colo. Cav. he fought through the war, and is a member of the G. A. R. Mrs. M. L. Rupe was born in Ohio; both have been in the newspaper business for six years, making a paper of much promise and standing among its contemporaries throughout the State.

JAMESTOWN.

In beauty of site, healthfulness of location; in excellence of mail, telegraph, express and freight service; in good situation for the easy handling of grain and stock, and in being surrounded by a large territory of fertile and productive country, peopled by moral, thrifty and industrious people, no city of Kansas can surpass Jamestown. Its educational, religious and social facilities are also unsurpassed. It supports a fine graded school of four departments, four churches

—Methodist, United Presbyterian, Christian and Catholic, besides two other denominations, the Danish Baptist and Lutheran, in the immediate vicinity. Lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Grand Army, and the attendant organizations, supply the social and benevolent wants of the citizens, while a strong Alliance attends to the well being of the farming community. Two lively newspapers keep the people in the mind of the world at large, and the

professions and trades are well represented. A water power grist mill, on the never failing Buffalo, keeps running the entire year, and though but little capital is invested, the output is considerable. The need of the town and country at present is more men of capital, sufficient to establish themselves in business upon a solid basis. The country would give good support to a large creamery and cheese factory, canning establishment and sorghum working plant located here.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF JAMESTOWN.

Bank of Jamestown.—One of the strongest institutions in this State is the Bank of Jamestown, established in 1883. The capital is \$50,000. Col. N. B. Brown, its president, was formerly State Senator for this district. The cashier, Ed. Hostetler, was born in Pennsylvania. He is an I. O. O. F., has been cashier here four years, and has always shown himself eminently qualified for his responsible position. With the resources at its command, and the energy and business capacity of its officers, there is no limit to the growth of this bank.

John O. Strain, Hardware, Etc.—Among the most prosperous mercantile establishments in this city will be found that of Mr. John O. Strain, established March 1, 1888. The premises occupied consist of a spacious store, 22x70 feet, in addition to a large wareroom of same dimensions. He deals in hardware, stoves, tinware, cutlery, farm implements and wagons. Mr. Strain was born in Illinois. He has lived here five years, and formerly was in merchandise, and all goods sold by him are first class.

State Exchange Bank.—Organized in 1886, on a capital of \$50,000, exercises a wholesome influence on the business interests of this city. The president is F. Everest, of Kansas City, Mo., general claim agent of the Missouri Pacific Railway; the vice president is E. G. Armsby, cashier of the Kansas Trust and Banking Company, of Atchison, Kas. The able cashier, F. P. Kellogg, is a native of New York, and has been engaged seven years in banking; nine years in Jamestown; he is a Mason and K. of P., and regarded as a pillar of this county's intellectual worth. They have associate banks at Cedarville, Kensington, Courtland and Barnes, Kas. The office of the Home Investment Company, of Jamestown is with the bank; it loans money on farm, city and chattel mortgages; invest funds for Eastern capitalists on first-class security; insures in the best companies, at lowest rates; also sells tickets on the European steamship lines; collections are made a specialty, and given prompt and careful attention. Messrs. Everest, Kellogg and Hanson, are the president, treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the investment company.

A. O. McBride & Bro., Jewelry, Books and Stationery.—Among the representative establishments of this city we note with pleasure that of A. O. McBride & Bro., established five years. The handsome store is 22x50 feet. They

deal in watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, stationery, newspapers, blank books, school supplies, toys, holiday goods, candies, nuts and cigars. They also conduct a circulating library. They have a branch store at Waterville, Kas. A. O. and G. W. McBride were born in Illinois; the former is a K. of P., and was in business there four years before coming here; the latter is a Mason and an I. O. O. F. They deservedly enjoy the esteem of their many patrons and business men throughout the State.

Montgomery Bros., General Merchandise.—A well conducted business is that of Montgomery Bros., established two years. The house is 25x80 feet, and two hands are employed. The stock contains groceries, dry goods, shoes, etc., fine brands of flour being a specialty. They pay cash for produce. Messrs. A. R. and J. M. Montgomery are Masons and I. O. O. F.'s; the former was in business in Masonville, the latter having farmed before this partnership was formed.

"The Kansan," James and Mary L. Burton, Editors.—*The Kansan* of Jamestown, is in its ninth year and is a spicy and wide-awake sheet, whose foundation is built upon a solid Republican rock. It is ever ready to further any cause that tends to the advancement of the city of its birth. It has a circulation of 600 per week. Two hands are employed. The office is located in the heart of the city, and is equipped in modern style for the transaction of business. The editors are James and Mary L. Burton. Mr. Burton is a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y. He is the post master of Jamestown, and is "the right man in the right place." His name and that of his wife are synonymous with sterling principles.

Dr. Geo. N. Hartwell, Druggist.—Our pen sketches of Jamestown would not be complete without mention of the old established house of Dr. Geo. N. Hartwell, founded ten years ago. The store, 18x55 feet, is well adapted for the purposes of a retail drug trade. The doctor is a native of Illinois, and graduated from the Medical Department of Michigan University in 1878. He does a highly lucrative practice in this city and section. At his house may be found all things usually kept in a first-class drug store. The success of Dr. Hartwell is thoroughly deserved, he being well known as a man of character and capacity.

Smith, Prince & Co., Grain and Coal.—This house was founded in 1881 as Smith & Blair, succeeded in 1885 by Smith & Prince, and in 1886 by the present firm. Their fine elevator is located directly on the line of railroad, and a large business is done with all Eastern and Western cities. The members of the firm are G. M. Smith, E. H. and E. L. Prince; the latter gentleman, father of E. H., (who resides at Phillipsburg), manages the business. He was born in Massachusetts, is a Mason and I. O. O. F., and has a wide business experience.

Wm. Taugman, General Merchandise.—Established in 1883, does a large business in general merchandise. His stock is the finest, as also is his roomy store, 22x70 feet. Two hands

are employed. Mr. T. was born in Indiana, is a K. P., and the success he has achieved is the best evidence that his efforts are appreciated by the public.

Ansdell & Son, Hardware.—Established in 1883, do a prosperous retail business. The store consists of a two-story stone building, 25x60 feet. Mr. Ansdell was born in Wisconsin. He is a Mason and I. O. O. F., and formerly farmed in Cloud County. All of the stock that is on hand at this house is moderate in price.

H. N. Fuller, Harness Maker, Saddles, Etc.—On 10th November, 1888, Mr. H. N. Fuller established himself in the harness business. His store is 20x40 feet. He is the leading manufacturer of harness here, and deals in saddles, blankets, whips, etc. He was born in Athens County, Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F. and belongs to the Sons of Veterans. He has lived in Kansas thirty-three years. He was formerly in Beloit, in the same business.

F. A. Lane, Broker.—Has been established three years, and does a large business, being also interested in the Bankers' Loan and Trust Co., of Concordia, in whose building he has another office. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was eight years in the wholesale commission busi-

ness in Boston, and in retail general merchandise four years at Quincy, Mass. He is a Mason and a member of the G. A. R., having fought in the 17th Maine Inf. He has many warm friends, and is paving a way for future prosperity.

C. E. Axelsson, Shoes.—Was born in Sweden, and worked ten years on Bleeker Street, N. Y. He has been established here eleven years, and is considered an expert in making shoes to order. He also keeps a select stock of the boots and shoes of the best makers, and those dealing with him will secure advantages not readily found elsewhere.

Peter Jorgenson, Carpenter, Etc.—Is a native of Denmark. Is a thorough expert in all kinds of carpentering, and also does a large business in wagon and carriage repairing. He has had forty years' experience; has been twenty-one years in the United States, and is an I. O. O. F.

The Commercial House.—Was established in December, 1883. Mr. J. M. Ragland, the proprietor, is a native of Kentucky. There are eight bed-rooms, and seating capacity in the dining-room for twenty people. Mr. Ragland was formerly in painting and papering, and since taking the hotel has met with unquestioned success.

BELLEVILLE.

BELLEVILLE, the county seat of Republic County is beautifully situated on a high, rolling upland. It is made the junction for two divisions



REPUBLIC COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

of the Great Rock Island Railroad System, one division giving direct communication with St. Joseph and Chicago, the other extending to Topeka and Kansas City, while the main line

reaches to Denver on the west. It is proposed to build another division in the near future, probably during the coming summer, from Atchison, connecting with the main line at this point. In addition to this system the Junction City branch of the Union Pacific terminates at Belleville, giving this section another direct route to the East and West. It is highly probable that this road will be extended to Hastings, Nebraska.

In the matter of public buildings, those which have been constructed are substantial and well-appearing. The court house is a commodious and well furnished structure, built of pressed brick and cut stone, surrounded by a beautiful grove of cottonwood and maple trees. It was constructed about four years ago, and was paid for before completion. A handsome school building was built about the same time. One of the best opera houses in Northern Kansas was finished a year ago, and is complete in all its appointments. The various Christian denominations are represented by three churches, well sustained and flourishing. The streets are wide and straight and well shaded by thrifty, beautiful trees. The houses are, as a rule, well built, tasteful structures, the clean-shaven lawns and landscape gardening surrounding them indicating a refinement and correct taste on the part of the owners rarely found in a town of this size. The business blocks are substantially built, of brick and native stone, the frame structures of pioneer days having disappeared.

The greatest recommendation the town offers to persons seeking business locations is the fact—contrary to the status of most Western towns—that in growth and development it is

far behind the county. This is to be accounted for from the fact the first railroad was completed into the town but a little over four years ago, while the rich soil of the county has attracted settlers within its borders until it has a population of twenty thousand people. Contrast the figures showing the population of Belleville and the county with the population of other county seats in the State and their respective counties, and the advantages Belleville affords to the wide-awake business man at once become apparent. Belleville, with a population of ten thousand, would still be behind the county. The city now contains about twenty-five hundred intelligent, energetic people, who will kindly welcome and substantially encourage any business

month. The building of a Presbyterian institution of learning is also insured, and work upon the same will begin at an early date.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BELLEVILLE.

First National Bank.—Belleville is especially favored in the management of her banks. The First National was organized on September 1, 1885, having originally been the First State Bank. The capital is \$50,000; surplus, \$5,000. It does a strictly legitimate business. Corre-



enterprise which will inure to the benefit of its projectors, the city and its citizens. Franchises have been granted to electric light and water works. An excellent system of water works has just been completed, and is now in successful operation. Real estate is cheaper, comparatively, than in any other city in Kansas. Property has had a healthy appreciation, and at no time have values been subject to wild inflation. With its abundant supply of water, with its superior railroad facilities, and situated as it is in the center of a rich agricultural and stock-growing region, Belleville offers the best advantages to persons seeking desirable business locations and places for residence of any city in Kansas. Special inducements are offered to skilled mechanics and artisans of all kinds.

Plans and specifications have been drawn for the erection of a seventy-five thousand dollar Catholic college, and it is probable that work on the buildings will begin during the present

spondents: First National Bank, New York; Kansas National Bank, Topeka, Kas.; First National Bank, Beatrice, Neb.; American National Bank, Kansas City, Mo. The president is Mr. George S. Simonds, born in Vermont. He is a Mason and is a well-known capitalist of Kansas. Mr. J. F. Stutesman, cashier, is a native of Indiana and is a K. of P. He is also secretary of the Simonds Investment Company, whose office is in this bank. These gentlemen are known in financial circles as wise and conservative managers. A notable instance, indeed, of the foremost financial institutions of the State, is afforded in the history and standing of the First National Bank.

American Exchange Bank.—One of the most substantial and best conducted private banking houses in the West is that known as the American Exchange Bank of Belleville, started in August, 1886. A prosperous banking busi-

ness is transacted, collections being a specialty, interest allowed on time deposits. Possessing, as it does, the ample capital of \$100,000, it can meet any demand made upon it. Its surplus is \$20,000. Messrs. M. C. and H. M. Hubbard, natives of Windsor, Vt., are the officers. M. C. Hubbard was formerly, in his native city, five years in a bank, and for forty years in general merchandise. His son, Mr. H. M. Hubbard, cashier, is counted among Belleville's most pushing and rising young men. With the resources at its command, and the energy and business capacity of its officers, there is practically no limit to the business of the firm.

Hunter Bros., Money Brokers, Grain Dealers and Live Stock Feeders.—Our pen sketches of the enterprising men engaged in



RICHARD HUNTER.

business here would be incomplete did we not make prominent mention of Hunter Bros., established in 1880. They do an extensive busi-



HENRY HUNTER.

ness as money brokers, and being gentlemen of independent means, their resources in this line are especially advantageous. They also do one of the leading grain businesses in Kansas, with headquarters in Belleville. They own a double elevator on the U. P. R. R. They are also extensive feeders of live stock, and make liberal advances on grain. They own twelve fine farms

in this section, two of which are specially adapted for stock feeding, and which are fully equipped with all modern improvements, water works, etc., at a great cost, which they operate themselves. Messrs. Richard and Henry Hunter are natives of England, and have a thorough knowledge of the important field covered. They buy grain at Munden and Mahaska, Kas., (on the R. I. R. R.), and Talmo, (on the U. P. R. R.) They are prompt cash buyers of the choicest growths of corn, wheat, etc., and receive grain over the various railroads centering in this city. Their elevator is the largest and finest here, and has adequate storage for 50,000 bushels. They are recognized as authorities in the trade, and have throughout to their wide circle of customers invariably afforded entire satisfaction.

Cooper & Cooper, Attorneys.—This firm is one of the best known in the State of Kansas, and gives importance to the Belleville bar. The combination of Cooper & Cooper was made in March, 1886. Mr. T. C. S. Cooper was born in Ohio, and raised in Indiana; he studied law with Colonel Johnson, of Newcastle, Ind., and was admitted to the bar in 1857, in Indiana. Mr. M. I. Cooper was born in Indiana, and studied with the Hon. D. O. Finch, at Des Moines, who was the United States District Attorney there, and was admitted in 1875 at Des Moines. He is a Mason. These gentlemen are most diligent in working at their cases, well read in the details of law, and are safe men to place cases with.

Noble & Surface, Attorneys.—This happy combination was made December 1, 1889. Mr. T. M. Noble is a native of Indiana, and has practiced twelve years in Belleville; he studied law with E. W. Thomas, of Brownhill, Neb., and was admitted to the bar in 1876, in Atchison County, Mo.; he is an I. O. O. F. and a K. of P. Mr. Surface was born in Montgomery County, Ind. He read law with B. J. Horton, of Lawrence, Kas., graduating from the Kansas State University in 1881. He is an I. O. O. F. This firm practices in all courts of the State and the United States; their elegantly appointed office is in rooms 1 and 2, Noble Building. Their practice is a large and paying one. They prosecute their cases with an assiduity which deservedly commands for them the respect of their fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Foster Lumber Company, F. A. Train, Manager.—A rapidly developing and intelligently conducted enterprise is that so well known here as the wholesale and retail Foster Lumber Company, established 1st January, 1889, the successors to Foster & Son. Headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. They do an immense business in lumber, lime, cement, sash, doors, mouldings, and all kinds of building material. Good grades of hard and soft coal. This company has ten yards in this State. The steady growth of the business is due to their honorable policy and the facilities afforded to their customers. Mr. F. A. Train, the enterprising manager, has had a lifelong experience in lumber, and has been six years with this company. He was born and raised in Iowa. He is a Chapter and Blue Lodge Mason, and is an A. O. U. W. Mr. Train is an industrious, energetic and wide-

awake business man, and it is chiefly owing to his superb management that this representative lumber house has done so well in this city and section.

E. A. Hallowell, Real Estate, General Merchandise.—Among the enterprises of this city should be mentioned the important dual interests of Mr. E. A. Hallowell. He does a large real estate and insurance business, and is one of Belleville's oldest real estate dealers, having been in it here since 1875. He ever has on hand some fine bargains in real estate, and in insurance represents some of the leading companies in the country. He also does one of the finest general merchandise businesses in this section, having started in this in July, 1889. The commodious store consists of a fine, two-story brick and stone structure, 25x100 feet. Three experienced hands are employed. The stock is very full, and embraces everything usually to be found in a first-class general merchandise store. Mr. Hallowell was born in Illinois, and was formerly well known here for three terms as register of deeds. He is prominently identified with the Masons, K. of P.'s, and I. O. O. F.'s. He is justly recognized as a man whose transactions are based on the cardinal principles of honor and probity, and his success is but the natural result of his legitimate deserts.

Z. A. Wade, Dentist.—As a leading exponent of dentistry in its various intricate branches, Dr. Z. A. Wade is worthy of special mention in a review of our foremost professional and business men, and deservedly holds a position in the front ranks of dentistry in this State. He studied dentistry with Dr. McMann, of West Virginia, in '73, and with Dr. Thomas, of Hiawatha, Kas. He is at home in every detail of the work, and brings to his aid every modern appliance and machine in use in the performance of labors. His reception, surgery and operating rooms are handsomely equipped throughout with everything needed for the comfort of patrons. He is prepared, with a complete apparatus, to administer pure nitrous oxide gas for the painless extraction of teeth. He executes gold and plaster fillings, cleaning, preserving straightening teeth, in the most scientific manner. He is a native of Virginia, and has been West since '78. Since his final location in Belleville he has attained a liberal share of public favor, which amply proves his skill, care and honorable dealings.

Y. R. Parks, Land and Loans.—The wonderful growth of Belleville and of the tributary territory has had no counterpart elsewhere in the West. Among the older and most enterprising real estate agents here is Mr. Y. R. Parks, established in 1886. The incessant activity in the real estate market has enlisted the services of many of our most responsible men, among them, the subject of our sketch. Mr. Parks does a flourishing land and loan business, and always has on hand a large list of farm and city property, improved and unimproved, for sale cheap and on easy terms. For the best bargains in the city, parties should call at his office, in Phenix Block, direct west of Court House. Farms and city loans made. Correspondence solicited.

Mr. Parks was born in Ohio, and is a Mason and an A. O. U. W. He has ever done his part in promoting the welfare of the community.

J. McLaury, Post Master.—One of the favorably known men in Belleville is J. McLaury. He is a native of Wisconsin, and is prominently identified with the Freemasons. He is also well known here as senior partner of the Belleville *Democrat*, one of the finest journals in Kansas. Mr. McLaury has ever shown himself alive to the duties of the post of a post master, and discharges them in a careful and conscientious manner.

Chicago Lumber Company, D. S. Cassell, Manager.—Lumber is an important interest to the public, especially in a growing city like Belleville. Mr. Cassell, local manager of the great Chicago Lumber Company here, was born in Illinois, and has had thirty years' experience in the business. The amount of lumber and coal sold at his yard per annum is very large. The facilities of the Chicago Lumber Company for transacting business are of an unusually complete character, enabling them to offer to customers special advantages, and to execute all orders in a prompt and satisfactory manner. The officers of this company have reason to be proud of a policy which has achieved such a solid success, and as in the past, so in the future, will the company be found in the van as regards excellence and adaptability of products required.

D. C. Baker & Co., Abstracters, Real Estate and Loan Brokers.—Belleville is one of the most beautiful and rapidly growing cities in Kansas, and those who engage in business here must also be wide-awake in order to keep pace with the march of things. Among such is the firm of D. C. Baker & Co., established in May, 1886. They do a large abstract, real estate and loan business, and possess the most complete set of abstracts in Republic County. Those who are guided by their judicious advice cannot fail to get bargains which will prove remunerative to them. Mr. Baker was born in New York, and has been West forty years. He belongs to the G. A. R., having served in Co. E, 9th Iowa Inf. He was formerly in the grain business in Iowa. This firm has always had a well established business, with abundant capital to run it. They are prompt, reliable and energetic gentlemen.

W. T. Dillon, Lawyer.—Of the names which go to make up the strength of the Belleville bar, few command as much confidence as the above. Mr. Dillon has practiced law here five years, and is the successor of the firm, Hugin & Dillon. He was born and received a liberal education in Iowa, and practiced nine years successfully in his native State. He studied his chosen profession in the City of Des Moines, graduated at Simpson College, and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Iowa in 1876. He is worshipful master of the Masonic Lodge of Belleville, and is recognized as a gentleman of the best qualities.

J. A. Lacey, Land, Loan, Collections.—One of the favorably known gentlemen transacting business here is Mr. J. A. Lacey, established

March, 1884. Owing to the fact of having had so many years' experience in all matters pertaining to real estate, loans, collections and insurance, he has transacted a business which gives him by right a prominent standing among the leading business men of the city. He has been justice of the peace four years, and is notary public, and represents the celebrated Niagara Insurance Company, of New York. He does the largest collection business in Republic County. Mr. Jacey was born in Ohio and is a Mason, A. O. U. W. and a K. P. He is one of our oldest settlers in Kansas, having lived here eighteen years; he first took a homestead in Clay County, Kansas, previous to which he farmed in Ohio.

Butler Bros. & Co.—Did we use to think when we saw the old time wind-mills, with their great ponderous arms covered with canvas, sweeping in a mighty circle from a big stone or wooden tower, that we would ever come to the perfection that has been reached? What machine can the farmer have in his possession that is more useful than a good wind-mill? Right in our midst is a wind-mill which was invented, and has lately been patented, by some of our fellow townsmen. Their wind mill is known through the West. They have a decided advantage over others, as they manufacture their own patents, supervising every stage of its construction, and seeing that none but the very best of material goes into their mills. It is what is known as the Butler Solid Wheel, Double Turn-Table Wind-Mill. The iron work is the simplest of any mill in existence, it being composed of only a few parts, which are composed of material that has been found, by years of use, to be the best fitted for the purpose; more especially is this true of the wood work, which is made of oak, ash and poplar. In fact it is the *only perfectly automatic*, regulated mill in the world. One striking peculiarity is, the device of connecting the wheel to the pump, which allows the wheel to turn two-thirds of a revolution in raising the water, and only one-third on the return stroke. This firm consists of I. E. Butler and Mr. E. H. Daniels; they are also makers of water tanks, keep in stock pumps, pipe, steam and gas supplies, do plumbing, steam and hot water heating. This house has been four years established and also carries implements, buggies and wagons for sale. They do an immense business with Kansas City, and all over the Southwest. All the members of the firm were born in Iowa, where Mr. I. E. Butler engaged in the hardware business. Mr. Butler is an A. O. U. W., K. P. Mr. Daniels is a Mason.

W. H. Pilkenton, Real Estate.—Mr. Pilkenton has resided in Republic County no less than nineteen years, and is therefore fully entitled to be known as one of our oldest settlers. From the start his business has had a substantial growth. All descriptions of city and suburban realty are bought, sold and rented. Mr. P. was born in Indiana, and formerly practiced law with success here, fifteen years. He was also for eight years at Wakeeney, Kas., Receiver in the United States Land Office. He is a Mason and an I. O. O. F., having been from 1879 to 1880 Grand Master of the I. O. O. F.'s in Kansas. He belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the late

war in the 5th Indiana Cav. Mr. Pilkenton is a recognized authority as to the present and prospective value of the residential and business sections of the city, and numbers among his customers prominent investors and property owners.

R. H. Harsh, Furniture and Undertaking.—This thoroughly representative concern dates back eighteen years, when it was founded by Mr. Hart, who was succeeded by Harsh & Leedom, who, in turn, were succeeded by the present proprietor, in September, 1888. The premises occupied were built expressly for the business by Mr. Harsh, and consist of a two-story stone building (brick front) 25x90 feet, with basement, being admirably arranged for the transaction of business. The stock carried includes the most artistic products in furniture, carpets, curtains, wall paper, pictures, mouldings, etc.; a specialty is undertaking, which is perfected in all its branches in a most thorough manner. Mr. Leedom, a well-known expert in embalming and undertaking, takes charge of this department; two hands are employed. Mr. Harsh was born in Ohio, and formerly was in the lumber business in Nebraska. For twelve years he has spent most of his time in this county. He is one of Belleville's most solid men, clear-headed and practical.

W. H. Bell, Real Estate and Loans.—The rapid growth of Belleville has brought forth in this region of the country a class of active people, whose dealings are characterized by clear foresight. Mr. Bell is a representative in this line, having started in 1882. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and makes a specialty of farm and city loans. He also does an extensive fire insurance business, representing four leading companies. He was formerly cashier two years of the First National Bank, then the First State Bank. He was also a member of the school board. Highly endorsed as Mr. Bell is, by leading firms and prominent friends of his native State, he has laid the foundation of a prosperous business, and enjoys the unlimited confidence of his many patrons.

C. H. Munsell, Harness.—Established in this line two years here, Mr. Munsell was formerly in the business at Cameron, Mo., since 1875. His store is 20x65; he employs from two to three hands. He makes all kinds of harness and keeps a fine line of harness specialties. He is special agent for G. W. Griswold's patent collar couplings. Mr. M. was born in Ohio. He is practically skilled in every detail of the business.

Hotel Republic.—The leading hotel of Belleville is the Hotel Republic, established under the present proprietor, Mr. S. L. Palmer, four years. The house is a handsome brick structure, two stories high. The office is a delightful room, with lofty ceilings. The dining-hall seats 40 persons. The sleeping apartments are 32 in number. The *cuisine* is not surpassed, and fine sample-rooms are specially laid apart for commercial men. Eight hands are employed in the house. The genial proprietor, Mr. Palmer, is a native of Ohio, and many years was known to the traveling public as the "Jolly Railroad

Captain." Chicago being his headquarters for fifteen years before locating in Belleville. He is ably assisted in hotel affairs by his wife, a lady of French extraction. The clerk, Mr. A. L. Yakey, is also a native of Ohio, and has had several years' experience in the business.

C. G. Hanson, Manager Bargain Shoe Store.—An intelligently conducted enterprise is the Bargain Shoe Store, established in December, 1888. The well-appointed premises are 25x80 feet, and contain a splendid stock of shoes, boots and clothing, from which the most fastidious customer cannot fail to be satisfied. Two hands are employed. Mr. Hanson was born in Sweden, and has superior business ability.

Rich & Doran, Marble Works.—This is the only marble firm in Republic County. The original name was Root & Doran, who were succeeded by Doran & Whitney, who, in turn succeeded by the present firm. They carry the most elegant qualities of foreign and native granites and marble, and manufacture all descriptions of monuments. Experienced cutters are constantly at work, under the personal supervision of the proprietors, who are close and attentive to business, and hard workers.

F. N. Woodward, Dry Goods, Etc.—One of the thriving mercantile houses in Belleville is that of Mr. F. N. Woodward, established 1st September, 1889. The premises occupied are brick, 20x50 feet. The stock consists of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, furnishing goods, etc. Mr. Woodward was born in Illinois, and is an active member of the I. O. O. F's. He formerly farmed, and has lived ten years in this county.

Mrs. E. A. Everts, Millinery.—An enterprising lady is Mrs. E. A. Everts, who started business in March, 1888. The premises occupied are 25x40 feet. Three to eight hands are employed, and a flourishing business is done in millinery and dressmaking. Mrs. Everts has had twenty years' experience in this business, and formerly was in it at Springfield, Ill., for six years. She is possessed of ability to conduct the business in a manner that is highly creditable.

Talmadge Bros., Hardware and Queensware.—This well-known house succeeded on the 1st of January, 1890, to the business of W. P. Weeks. The store is an attractive stone structure, two stories, 27x80 feet. A superb stock of hardware and queensware is carried, and offered at moderate prices. Three hands are employed. C. D. Talmadge was born in Morris, Ill.; is an I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and a K. of P. W. D. Talmadge is a native of Du Page County, Ill., and has had a lifelong experience in this business.

E. M. Brown, Gem Bakery.—An enterprising business is the Gem Bakery and Lunch Room, established one year. The premises are 20x40 feet in extent. A large trade is transacted. It was started on the 28th of November, '89. Mr. Brown was born in Germany. He is a K. of P., and has been engaged in the business all his life, beginning at St. Joseph, Mo., where

for a year and half was the baker at the Pacific Hotel; also, before he settled in Belleville, he was in the business at Scandia, Kas., a year. He is a pleasant gentleman, for whom still greater successes in the future are awaiting.

W. W. Evans, Dry Goods, Etc.—A leading concern of its kind in Belleville is that of Mr. Walter W. Evans, established December 21, 1889, being the successor to McCollough Bros. The premises consist of a two-storied brick building, 24x100 feet, containing a fine assortment of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, furnishing goods, clothing, etc. Mr. Evans has lived in Kansas since 1856. He is an A. O. U. W., and was formerly at Valley Falls four years, in the same business, in the firm of Evans & Kemper, previous to which he traveled two years for McKinney, Hundley & Walker, dry goods and notion house, of St. Joseph, Mo.

Jacob Beck, Clerk of the District Court.—There are few names better known in Kansas than that of Beck, for this gentleman is quite one of the oldest settlers, having resided in the State thirty years. He has made himself conspicuous in the capacity of clerk of the district court by ever performing his duties with care and politeness. He is now serving his second term. He is a native of Wisconsin, and prominently identified with the I. O. O. F.

R. H. Galloway, County Clerk.—This gentleman is a native of the State of Ohio. He took office as county clerk on January 13, '90, and has performed his duties with careful attention and sincere conscientiousness. He is one of the oldest settlers in the West, having resided in Republic County eighteen years. He is greatly respected for his excellent qualities and strict integrity, in consequence of which he has gained the gratitude of his fellow-citizens and the officary.

J. H. Hair, M. D.—Was born in Pennsylvania, and educated in Ohio. He studied medicine with Dr. J. L. Brenton, of Ohio, and graduated in the class of 1857-58 from the Cleveland Medical University. He practiced twenty years in Iowa, and came to Belleville in May, 1884. He is president of the Board of United States Examining Surgeons, and member of the Republican Valley Medical Society. He is a K. T. Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the war as surgeon of the 33d Ohio. He is thoroughly *en rapport* with his profession.

Republic County Land Office, J. E. Caswell.—Sound investments made at the Republic County Land Office have paid well, and there are numerous openings here awaiting the capitalist. Mr. Caswell, in these six years, has developed a trade of considerable magnitude, and has constantly on hand city, business and residential property, vacant lots, cheap suburban lands by the acre adapted for subdivision, etc. He also does a large loan and insurance business. He was born in Vermont, and is an A. O. U. W. and a Modern Woodman.

Mrs. E. S. Caswell, Millinery.—Mrs. E. S. Caswell's great millinery establishment, the leader in the city, was founded six years ago.

The premises are 30x50 feet, and here is displayed a magnificent assortment of millinery, including laces, embroideries, dress trimmings, fancy articles, notions, hosiery, white goods, mourning goods, etc. Three to five hands are employed. Mrs. Caswell was born in Wisconsin, and has put out every effort to make her establishment popular with its patrons.

Van Ness, Miller & Co.—The leading carpenters and contractors of Belleville are busy men and always have on hand more work than they know how to get through with. Their workshop is amply fitted up for a large business. They employ three to five hands all the year round. Mr. Van Ness was born in Illinois, and is an I. O. O. F.

M. Bambauer, Merchant Tailor.—Is the leading man in his line in the city, and during the five years he has been established has shown himself thoroughly experienced. He does his own cutting and employs two or three tailors. Mr. B. was born in Germany, and has always given satisfaction to his customers.

A. E. McKeen, Harness.—This store was established in '84. The premises occupied are 18x50 feet, and are well arranged with every facility for the advantageous conduct of a first-class business. Mr. McKeen manufactures and keeps in stock fine and heavy harness, saddles, whips, horse clothing, etc. He employs two men in the shop. He was born in Canada, and came to America in '84. He is an A. O. U. W., and has been always in the harness business. He is an energetic, clear-headed business man.

"The Telescope."—Established in 1870, is the official county and city paper, is issued weekly, and numbers 1,200 readers. Founded

on a solid Republican rock, it is always ready to aid anything that is calculated to benefit the City of Belleville. The editors and proprietors, J. W. Shackelford and J. C. Humphrey, are natives of Indiana and Canada respectively. Mr. S. is a graduate from college, and was two years professor of the schools in this city. He is a Mason. Mr. H. is also a Mason and a K. of P., and has been in the business twenty-five years.

J. W. Johnston, Photographer.—Has been running in Belleville now six years. His gallery is 25x90 feet, and includes large printing and dressing-rooms, reception parlors, studio and operating-rooms, handsomely fitted up. His gallery is the best in this section, and he does everything in his line, including copying and enlarging old pictures. The Captain is a native of Philadelphia, was reared in Ohio, and has been in the business since 1854. He served his country three years, in the 2d and 12th Ohio Cav.

Central Hotel—One Dollar a Day.—A good hotel, with a bright prospect before it, is the Central Hotel, established in January, 1890. The pleasant proprietor, W. W. Wells, was born in Illinois. He is an old soldier, and fought in the 70th Illinois Inf. He came here from Manhattan, Kas. He has lived in Kansas nine years, and formerly was a farmer.

Fred Schmarye, Cigars.—Commenced business December, '88, and occupies premises well suited to his trade. He makes from 1,000 to 2,000 cigars a week and deals largely at wholesale. His special brands are "Rose of America" and "Tart Cut Off." He has had a life experience in the business and employs only experienced help. He was born in Germany, and has been in America eight years; he is a Modern Woodman.

SCANDIA.

SCANDIA, a town of eight hundred to one thousand inhabitants, the second in size in Republican County, is located on the left bank of the Republican River, midway between the north and south lines of the county. Many of its citizens are from the sturdy, industrious elements of the Old World, those from Sweden, Norway and Scotland predominating in the order named. In fact, as its name would indicate, it was originally settled almost exclusively by emigrants of the Scandinavian peninsula, but as the surrounding country was settled, shortly after the close of the Civil War, largely by recently discharged soldiers of the Union army, and the little village grew in size and importance, the accessions were mostly native-born Americans, now the foreign element is greatly in the minority.

To convey anything like a correct impression of the place it is necessary to describe the surrounding country, especially the county in which it is located, which lies immediately in the southwest angle formed by the sixth principal meridian and its base line, which latter is also the dividing line between the States of Nebraska and Kansas, thus placing Republic in

the north tier of counties and midway between the Missouri River and the Mountain State of Colorado, and midway, also, between the excessive rainfalls of the Missouri Valley and the extreme droughts of our sister State on the west, thereby insuring, not only to the agriculturist an equitable and sufficient share of the moisture so necessary to mature his various and diversified crops, but to all citizens immunity from the malarial troubles of the lower countries, and the many diseases aggravated by high latitudes.

Crossing the State line at the northwest corner of the county, and coursing a distance of thirty miles in a south by southeast direction, is the Republican River, whose valley has no equal in the marvelous West for fine herds of cattle, hogs and horses, and, in summer, waving fields of all grains grown in this latitude, and a luxuriant expanse of native and cultivated grasses, with many an orchard and vineyard just beginning to demonstrate the fact that, within a few years, the reputation of this county for fruit growing will be second only to the proud distinction it now enjoys, of producing more corn per acre, year after year, than any territory

of equal size in the State, if not in the world. While speaking of the possibilities of the fruit-grower of this, section it may not be amiss to mention the fact that, on numerous occasions, this county has aided in the exhibit of fruits at the State Fairs and elsewhere, and has never failed to secure a large proportion of prizes competed for.

Traversing the county east, west, north and south, and furnishing us with direct communication with all commercial centers, are the five greatest railways of the West, viz.: the Mo. Pac., the C. R. I. & P., the B. & M. R., the U. P., and A. T. & S. F., entering nineteen of the twenty townships into which the county is divided. At least three of these great lines were attracted here by the unparalleled fertility of our soil, and constructed their lines of road without subsidy or local aid. Together they are operating over one hundred and forty miles of road in this county, and their combined tax valuation in 1889 was a little in excess of \$882,000, while the total value of all taxable property in the county, as returned by the assessors, was a little short of three and a half millions. From these figures it will readily be seen that these railways, built almost wholly without cost to our people, are paying more than one-fourth the taxes collected in the county.

This brief and very imperfect description of the Republican Valley and its resources, will give but a faint idea of the appearance and worth of the country surrounding Scandia, which is, perhaps, the most homelike town to be found in all Kansas. Situated at the extreme northern end of a beautiful stretch of as fine bottom land as lies under the sun, and protected on the east and north by hills a hundred feet or more in height, and on the west by the natural groves of timber along the banks of the river, robbing the chilling storms that sometimes sweep over the entire West, of their greatest severity; regularly laid out with broad streets, shaded on either side by luxurious growths of elm, maple, box-elder, ash, walnut, and the much abused cottonwood, with many of its business houses substantially built of stone or brick, and its dwellings well painted and well kept, there is an air of home pervading the little city that can not fail to please him who views it for the first time, and charm its residents into a love for Scandia, whose location at the crossing of the Mo. Pac. and Rock Island roads assures it shipping facilities and commercial importance not second to any other town of Northern Kansas—the greatest agricultural region in the West.

Its public buildings consist of a commodious and well arranged school house, built in 1880, of stone, at a cost of \$6,000, in which there is now being conducted, by Prof. D. K. Thomas and three assistants, one of the most efficient schools to be found in the State; also a large city hall, built of brick, erected in 1885 at a cost of \$5,000, centrally located, and in the midst of an artificial grove of native elms. In addition to these, there is within the city limits four church edifices, regularly occupied by five denominations—the Swedish Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodist Episcopal—the ministers of the first two and the last named residing in parsonages owned by their respective congregations.

A valuable water power, capable of almost unlimited extension, is utilized only by a roller flouring mill having a daily capacity of one hundred barrels. The business of the town is conducted by two banks, four general merchandise stores, two hardware houses and harness shops, one grocery, three restaurants, two hotels, two blacksmith and machine shops, two implement houses, one lumber yard, two coal yards, two elevators, two produce firms, one newspaper, two merchant tailors, one firm making a specialty of handling real estate, three attorneys, three physicians, three drug stores, two barber shops, one furniture store, one undertaker, two butcher shops, one shoe store and factory, four millinery and dress-making establishments, one flour and feed store, one roller feed mill run by steam, one novelty and music store, one boarding house, three livery, feed and sale stables, one wagon and carriage repair shop, one photograph gallery, etc.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF SCANDIA.

A. D. Wilson, Attorney at Law.—His large experience as a lawyer and his wide circle of friends makes the subject of our sketch, now serving his second term in the Legislature from this district, a notable character. Possessing the steadfastness which belongs to all who hail from the Land of the Thistle, his career has been marked by a firm tone and great breadth of purpose. Responding to his adopted country's call for volunteers he enlisted in 1864, in the 137th Indiana Inf. In 1865 he graduated at the Literary College, Hanover, Ind., receiving the degree of B. Sc., and in 1869 was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court of New Hampshire; he later received the honorary degree of A. M. Associated with him is Chas. C. Wilson, also an old soldier, who is a notary public. Such men as they form the bulwark of our civilization, and are always sought after.

G. L. White, Druggist.—Born in Pennsylvania, raised in Ohio, engaging as contractor, carrying on a grocery business, and subsequently running a hotel at Cambridge, Ohio, Belleville and Scandia, the subject of this sketch is not only a successful politician, but is a prosperous merchant. For six years he was Scandia's post master. For two successive elections he has been chosen to represent his district in the State House of Representatives. As a successful druggist Mr. White is notable, and in his well-filled store may be found the choicest line of drugs, chemicals and sundries, together with a competent prescriptionist to aid the proprietor in ministering to the wants of the sick and ailing. Mr. White came to Scandia in 1870, and established his present place of business seven years ago.

First National Bank of Scandia.—Was organized August 23, '87, its capital being \$50,000, supplemented by a surplus of \$2,000. The premises consist of a handsome two-storied brick structure, located on the main thoroughfare. Among its numerous patrons will be

found the prominent capitalists and business men of this vicinity. J. R. Caldwell, president, born in Ohio, came here from Missouri, having formerly been a merchant in Savannah, Mo. J. W. Peterson, vice president, born in Sweden, is a lawyer by profession, and cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, Concordia. W. H. Laney, cashier, was born in Pennsylvania. He was several years successfully engaged in the mercantile business at St. Joseph and Savannah, Mo. The bank does an immense insurance business, representing no less than eleven leading companies, and also makes loans on real estate.

Farmers' and Merchants' Bank.—The origin of modern banking may be traced to the money lenders of Florence, who were in



high repute in the twelfth century. This bank was organized in 1878 and chartered in 1883. The capital is \$50,000. The president, R. Morey, was born in Ohio. He is a Mason, and has been banking nine years, and is a gentleman much esteemed in and around Scandia. A. D. Wilson is the leading lawyer of the city. The cashier, C. S. Morey, son of the president, was born in Illinois. He is a Mason and a K. P., and an enterprising and pushing young man of recognized integrity. He is also president of the Bank of Republic, Kas.

J. W. Pinney & Co., Dealers in General Merchandise and Grain.—The farming interests of the Western grain-growing belt have made it a necessity to have elevators at points near the grain-raising section. Messrs. J. W. Pinney & Co., in addition to their elevator, operate a large feed mill near to the depot at the Mo. Pac. R. R., besides having a store 22x75 feet in extent. Messrs. J. W. Pinney & Co.'s many interests are the result of nine years' hard labor, during which time they have been established in this city. Mr. Pinney is a native of New York, and was formerly a farmer. Mr. Wm. Connor, the "Co.," was born in Galesburg, Ill., and has been in the grain and dry good trade all his life.

Gulick & Bulkley, General Merchandise.—Establishing themselves here in 1884, this firm opened up in a building 25x100, with brick

"L," 20x25, and now employ five men. With a constantly increasing trade they are always on the alert to anticipate their customers' wants, and it is a common thing to hear it said if you can't find what you want elsewhere go to Gulick & Bulkley's. They also own a two-story brick grocery house next door, 25x70. Mr. Gulick has been here in business since 1878, but was born in New York, served through the war in the 128th Indiana Inf. Mr. Bulkley was born in Massachusetts, and, like his partner, put in four years' hard service with the 91st Illinois Inf. Both gentlemen are Masons and members of the G. A. R., and give force and character to the business standing of the community in which they reside.

C. F. Ericsson, Manufacturer of Roller Process Flour.—The flour mill of C. F. Ericsson is located on the Republican River, one-fourth of a mile from the city. This mill has a capacity of 100 barrels a day, and occupies a large three-story building with basement. The business has been established now eleven years, and the mill is operated entirely by water power, having a full and ample supply of water all the year through. Mr. Ericsson enjoys a splendid trade. He is a native of Sweden, and has been in milling all his life.

R. A. Heddens, Dealer in General Merchandise.—When a man has been on the road for ten years, traveling for a house like that of Messrs. Nave & McCord, of St. Joseph, as was Mr. Heddens, goes into business for himself, success must crown his efforts. Mr. H. is a native of Kentucky. He opened up for business in a two-story brick, 28x68 feet, employs two hands, and carries a full line of general merchandise. With liberal terms and unusual fair dealing his trade has been notable, and before long increased facilities will be required to meet the demands of the growing trade.

Palace Drug Store, J. C. Webber.—During its three years' existence this business has steadily increased, its owner enjoying a reputation as a fair and careful druggist. The store, 25x50, is centrally located and attractively arranged. Mr. Webber is a native of Germany, came to this country in 1868, and has been a dispensing druggist all his life. Besides being a reliable and sensible business man, he is social and agreeable, being a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

A. L. Whitney, Hardware and Implements.—After having been in the harness business for thirteen years in this place, Mr. Whitney added, in January, 1889, a complete line of hardware and implements, for which he requires a two-story, 50x80 feet frame, with attractive exterior. The stock is new and seen to the greatest advantage. No one around here has such a reputation for the durability of the harnesses turned out at this place, only the best oak-tanned leather being used. He has the assistance of two hands. Mr. W. was born in Illinois, and early came to Kansas. He is a member of the K. P.

William Walker, Post Master.—Captain Walker has for three years filled this responsible

position very acceptably. He is one of Scandia's prominent citizens, and filled the post of mayor two terms. Born in New York, he commenced life as a grain buyer, and when the war broke out enlisted in the Union army, serving to the close, and has since been a member of the G. A. R., and in every respect a benefit to the city in which he has cast his lot.

J. L. Coleman, Restaurant and Confectionery.—Mr. Coleman is a native of Kentucky; aided in the defense of his country in the 12th Kentucky Cav. He has been twenty-two years in Scandia and the neighborhood. He is no stranger to the people, and since he opened his restaurant, in 1887, has made money. Everything he serves is attractive, fresh and dainty.

Chas. J. Lundquist, Proprietor of Gem Bakery and Restaurant.—Fancy Groceries, Confectionery, Cigars, Tobacco, etc. Oysters and Ice Cream in season.

C. E. Wheeler, Notions, Etc.—Like other towns and cities, Scandia has a store with its five and ten-cent counters, that is, a representative concern. At Wheeler's may be found all kinds of notions, jewelry, stationery, tinware, toilet necessities, glassware, crockery, toys, and so on, *ad infinitum*. Nowhere can be seen a greater rush, and as Mr. Wheeler, being the leader of the band, has a large circle of acquaintances, his place presents a lively appearance, all goods being sold for cash. He occupies a one-story frame, 15x50, every nook and corner being filled with

stock. For seven years Mr. Wheeler clerked in the mercantile trade. He was born in Portland, Me., and is a member of the K. of P.

Scandia "Journal."—Started in 1872, the *Journal*, Republican in its politics, has long passed the transition stage, and now has a circulation of 850, requiring the services of four hands. The *Journal* did its share in helping to roll up the 82,000 majority in Kansas. Born in Indiana, Mr. Ware kept books for fifteen years, and afterwards engaged in railroading many years. Mr. Ware was a member of the famous Fifth Indiana Cav., during the war, and is also a Mason and member of the G. A. R. The *Journal* is alive to the wants of the people, and has made itself a household necessity in this county.

L. J. Sigsbee, New Meat Market.—Before engaging in this line of business, Mr. L. J. Sigsbee farmed in this county, and there gained his knowledge of raising stock. He occupies a neat one-story frame building, 20x60 feet, which he opened in October, 1888. Mr. S. was born in Wisconsin, and leaving early the home of his childhood finds that while there are many States like Wisconsin, there is but one Kansas.

John Egg, Blacksmith.—In the short space of five years has built up a good business. Born in Sweden, he came to America in 1866, and early affiliated with the Odd Fellows. He does strong and durable work, occupies a frame building 24x40, and is regarded as an earnest and useful citizen.

BELOIT.

MITCHELL COUNTY

Lies in the second tier of counties from the Nebraska line, and is in the exact center of the State from east to west. It has twenty townships, six miles square, and is twenty-four miles in width by thirty in length, and was organized in June, 1871, with a population of 575, and now has twenty thousand inhabitants, and is constantly increasing. The Solomon River, including its bends, turns and meanderings, runs from seventy-five to eighty miles in passing through the county, affording numerous water powers. As for healthfulness, the climate will compare favorably with any locality in the United States. Malaria, that terror of all new countries, is unknown here, and Mitchell County can boast of more beautiful, sunshiny days than almost any other place in America. The Solomon Valley has been pronounced by all who have seen it to be one of the finest agricultural regions on the entire American continent, and nowhere do its valleys have a broader sweep or a richer soil than in Mitchell County. The uplands are broad, rolling prairies, with a fine natural drainage, and are intersected with a network of tributaries to the Solomon River, which flows through the northern part of the county.

All kinds of grain are raised, though corn may be said to be the principal crop, with oats, broom corn, and wheat following in the above-named manner. The sorghum industry is also repre-

sented by a number of cane-mills throughout the county.

Stock raising is one of the principal occupations, and nearly every farm has its herd of graded cattle. The prairies afford a bountiful supply of hay of the best quality for winter feeding, and are excellent grazing ground through the summer and fall. There is no longer any open range for the cattle to graze over, but each farm has its fenced pasture, and the improvement of the live stock is as much a consideration as improved methods of farming.

The price of farming land remains as yet at low figures, and lands in this county are selling at from ten to thirty dollars per acre, owing to location, natural advantages and improvements. The increase in the price and value of lands in Kansas has been constant and steady. No mistake can be made in buying the rich and fertile lands in Mitchell County, as they are sure to increase in value every year.

To behold the prairies is to become enamored with their loveliness and beauty; they are dotted here and there with groves of timber and farm houses and barns. The large and commodious school houses stand numerous as monuments that bespeak the enlightenment and progress this land of promise is making onward and upward, for no State in the Union can boast of a better system of free schools than the State of Kansas, and those who come cannot but join with us in

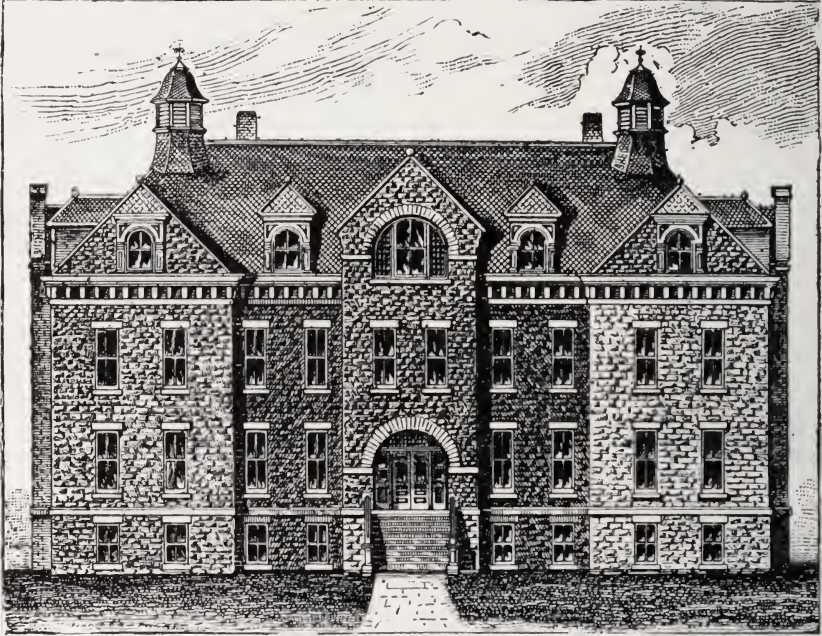
saying that "this is the land I long have sought and mourned because I found it not." Here pleasant and comfortable homes may be reared, either in town by the business man, or on the farm by the farmer, and each will be content, for neither will ever regret his location on account of pleasure or profession, for each pursuit will afford abundant enjoyment to comfort the despondent and weary mind to the effect that all is well that has been well commenced.

BELOIT,

The county seat of Mitchell County, is the largest city on the Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and is one of the most substantially built cities in the State of Kansas.

supply of water at depths easily accessible, a beautiful southern exposure affording a grand view of the handsomest part of Kansas—"famed Solomon Valley."

These natural advantages have been supplemented and improved by an energetic class of citizens, and Beloit takes great pride in her well-graded streets and miles of stone sidewalks that will remain firm under the hurrying footsteps of the generations as they succeed each other; in her substantial buildings, both business and residential; in her system of water works, with its miles of pipes, affording protection against the ravages of fire; and last, but not least, is she proud of her public school system, for the use of which there has been erected four school build-



INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AT BELOIT.

Her railroad facilities are the terminus of the Solomon Valley Branch of the Union Pacific Railway, giving an outlet to Kansas City on the east and to Denver on the west, the main line of the Missouri Pacific running through east and west, connecting with Atchison and other river cities.

Beloit was laid out in 1872, on the site of "Willow Springs," or the "Sacred Springs," as held in reverence by the Indian tribes, (which now furnishes a plentiful supply of pure water for the city's system of water works,) and has had a steady, vigorous growth, keeping pace with the surrounding country, but never in advance, and for that reason has never receded.

In 1879, Beloit was declared a city of the second class, and since then the population has increased until now it contains nearly four thousand inhabitants.

The site of Beloit is a place of great natural advantage. The land rises gradually from the river bank to the level prairie on the north, and affords perfect natural drainage, a bountiful

ings. The high school building, occupied by the graded school, stands on the highest elevation in the city, and is the first object that attracts the eye of the visitor, by its handsome architectural proportions and its magnificent location. Not only do the buildings call for the admiration of both citizens and visitors, but the schools themselves are well worthy of the buildings prepared. Some fifteen teachers furnish instruction to nearly one thousand pupils.

The churches and religious organizations of Beloit are Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Protestant Episcopal, Christian, United Brethren, United Presbyterian and Seventh Day Advents.

Secret organizations are nearly all represented, and a stranger brother soon finds a home and congenial friends in his favorite lodge.

Three substantial banks, with an aggregate capital of half a million dollars, furnish means for carrying on the large and varied industries of the city. The State Bank has now under course of erection a building, which, when com-

pleted, will be one of the finest of the kind in Western Kansas. The hotels of Beloit are the Avenue, with one hundred fine large rooms, the Brunswick, Pennsylvania and Keystone, furnishing ample accommodation for all visitors.

The business portion of the city is built up with the native magnesian limestone, which is found in great abundance in all parts of Mitchell County. It is the finest building stone found any where in Western Kansas. The class of buildings affords a good outward indication of the business carried on in Beloit. Our merchants are making specialties of the various lines of trade, and fine exclusive stocks of clothing, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes and furniture are carried, which cannot be excelled west of the river towns. Three good tailor shops attend to the welfare of the outward man, and do a large amount of work for neighboring towns. An iron foundry has been in operation for several years. A broom factory is building up a profitable trade. A \$10,000 creamery is in running order and doing a good business, under the management of one of our oldest and best known citizens. A carriage and wagon factory is building up a large local trade, and is turning out a superior quality of goods. A cigar factory is located here and is doing a thriving business. Other industries have been built up through the efforts of the enterprising citizens, and there is plenty of room and a warm welcome for more. Beloit has three prosperous and influential newspapers: the *Western Democrat*, I. W. and J. S. Parks, editors and proprietors; *Beloit Gazette*, S. H. Dodge, editor and proprietor; *Beloit Courier*, W. H. Caldwell, editor and proprietor. While electric lights, telephone and gas works have not been established in Beloit, they are necessities of the nineteenth century which the citizens of Beloit would support liberally if some capitalist or company would establish these industries in the city. The improvements made, such as sewerage, water works, street grading, sidewalks, etc., are such as fill the practical and needful requirements of the city. The city boasts of its beautiful driveways, having over twenty miles of graded streets bordered with trees. In the matter of elevators, Beloit is well supplied, and they are kept busy receiving and shipping the grain that is brought in for sale. The Beloit Milling Company is operating a \$30,000 flour mill, fitted up with the patent roller process, and is turning out the finest flour; capacity, 150 barrels daily.

Owing to the superior facilities for shipping afforded by the railroads centering in Beloit, it obtains a large trade from Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Osborne and Smith Counties, as well as from our own county.

Beloit has a bright and prosperous future before her which is fully assured, and for the principal reason that it is surrounded by one of the best agricultural regions in the United States. There is room for many manufacturing institutions which can turn our raw material into manufactured articles right at our doors, and save the freights from Beloit to Eastern towns and back. Here is a field that promises a rich reward to those who plant their manufacturing establishments now and grow up with the country. Canning factories are needed, a corn-cob

pipe factory would do well, as would also good woolen mills. Any movement looking toward the establishment of any such industries would meet with the hearty co-operation of our business men, and substantial aid in a financial way. Also our Board of Trade, consisting of our business men is an organization designed to look after the interests of the city in general and assist any and all enterprises that tend toward its advancement.

Being, by reason of location, a natural distributing point for Northern and Northwestern Kansas, and having already established a reputation for the amount and superior quality of business done, Beloit will give a cordial welcome to incomers, whether in search of city homes or or agricultural locations in the country. Come and see for yourself.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BELOIT.

The Kansas City Investment Company, O. H. Robinson, Manager.—One of the largest and most influential corporations in the West is that known as The Kansas City Investment Company, which has eight different branches to facilitate the immense and constantly growing business, namely: at Kansas City, Mo.; Hartford, Ct.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Toledo, Ohio; Beloit, Kas.; Dallas, Texas; Emporia, Kas.; Sioux Falls, Dak.; Omaha, Neb. This company was incorporated in 1883, with a capital of \$300,000. Headquarters are at Kansas City, Mo. The specialty is real estate loans. The officers are: President, Edward E. Holmes; vice president, Willis G. Myers; secretary, Geo. Van Evard; gentlemen of excellent business qualifications. Mr. R. W. Elstun is the efficient examiner of the company. The manager at Beloit is Mr. O. H. Robinson, who formerly lived in Iowa, and Wichita. He has been manager of this company three years, and has proved himself in every way able, thus showing himself to be fully aware of the responsibilities resting on his shoulders. He is an energetic, clear-headed business man, liberal and fair in all transactions, while to his judicious judgment must be attributed much of the success which the company has achieved in this section.

Shaw Bros. & Co., Dealers in Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.—This house is generally recognized as the leading source of supply in this city for goods in its line. It was established in March, 1889, and occupies a fine stone building, with basement, 25x110 feet in size. It is finely fitted up, and perfect in convenience for inspection and sale. Stock is purchased in large quantities direct from manufacturers, and the aim of the firm is to offer the best the market affords, at the lowest cost to customers. The members of the firm are Messrs. Bennett and E. Shaw and George K. France, all natives of Pennsylvania. The Shaw Bros. were formerly in the book and stationery business here for ten years, while Mr. France was bookkeeper for H. Dilworth. Mr. B. Shaw is a member of the Masonic order. They are useful citizens and

have built up their trade by superior administration.

D. A. McKechnie, Abstracter, Loan Agent and Real Estate Dealer.—Mr. McKechnie has been in business here since 1886, and by diligent application and honorable methods has won a substantial share of recognition. He gives special attention to abstracts and negotiation of loans on bond and mortgage. Mr. McK. is a native of Canada; he has lived in Beloit six years, working on abstract books, and formerly farmed. He is a popular member of the Masons and A. O. U. W.

E. G. Mason, M. D.—Dr. Mason is a native of Illinois, studied medicine with Dr. E. C. Whitig, of Shenandoah, Iowa, and graduated from the Eclectic Cincinnati Medical Institute. He first practiced his profession in Victor, Mitchell County. Since locating in Beloit he has built up a large practice, from which he derives a fine income. He is a Mason, an I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Modern Woodmen.

John Macdonald, Boots and Shoes, Beloit, Kas.—Among the representative and successful business men of this city is Mr. John Macdonald, dealer in fine boots and shoes. The business was established in 1878, and from the inception has proved a positive and permanent success. The building occupied is a substantial stone structure; in size it is 22x83 feet, and is complete in all its appointments. Mr. Macdonald is a shoemaker by trade, his long experience enabling him to secure the best class of goods in the market. In the store a full stock of all kinds of boots and shoes, of fine and medium grades, for ladies, gentlemen, misses and children, is always kept on sale, all new in style and fashionable. Mr. Macdonald is a native of England, but has been in this country since 1869. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

Geo. B. Southwick & Co., Produce Dealers.—One of the prominent houses of Beloit are Geo. B. Southwick & Co., the great produce dealers. The business was established in 1886, and has always commanded a liberal patronage. The premises occupied comprise a spacious stone building, 25x100 feet, with basement. The house handles chiefly eggs, butter, pelts, hides and furs; five men are employed, and the trade extends to New York, Chicago, Omaha, San Francisco, etc. They have the only cold storage in Northwest Kansas; capacity, fifteen cars. They also do a large business in the manufacture of hay cases. Mr. Southwick is a native of Wisconsin, and was formerly a miner and locomotive engineer. His partner, Mr. Waterbury, was born in Canada, and was formerly also a locomotive engineer for nine years. Both gentlemen are members of the Masonic order, and can be relied upon to conserve their customers' interests.

Robert S. Drake, M. D., Ph. G., Druggist and Pharmacist.—The management of this establishment reflects credit on its proprietor. The premises are eligibly located and consist of a two-story stone building, 25x80 feet. The entire surroundings of the store indicate the most

perfect order, the stock consisting of a well selected line of drugs, etc., of the finest quality. Dr. Drake started business in 1884. He is a graduate of the Missouri Medical College, and also of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The Doctor was president three years ago of the State Pharmaceutical Association. He has been President of the State Board of Pharmacy for the last two years, and a member three years. Dr. Drake is a native of Ohio. He served three years in the Union army during the war, and is a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. He formerly resided in St. Louis, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for fifteen years.

I. R. Swigart, Physician and Surgeon.—Prominent among Beloit's men is I. R. Swigart, physician and surgeon, whose office is eligibly located over Emmert's drug store. Dr. Swigart is a native of Pennsylvania, and studied medicine with Doctors Ashton and Mahan, of that State. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, in 1877, and was president of the Snyder County Medical Society for two years. He is a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, of the American Medical Society, etc. He located in Beloit in 1885, and has built up an extensive practice. He was Secretary of the Board of Examining Surgeons till August, '89, and is highly esteemed in the medical fraternity. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

J. H. Roberts, Furniture and Carpets.—One of the old-time representative men here is J. H. Roberts, dealer in furniture and carpets. He occupies a commodious two-storied stone building, 24x120 feet, fitted up with all modern adjuncts. The stock embraces the finest designs in the furniture line, together with a superior lot of carpets. Two assistants are employed, and the standard representation of the goods handled has given the house a wide celebrity. Mr. Roberts has been in furniture sixteen years. He is a builder by trade, following it fifteen years. He built the first iron front in this city in his own handsome store. He was born in Orange County, New York, and during the war fought in the 34th Inf.

Wm. C. Perdue, Post Master.—This gentleman is one of the most efficient men in the service of the Government. He was appointed in '89, and employs three hands to meet the duties to be performed in the post office. Mr. Wm. C. Perdue and his father, Mr. C. A. Perdue, who is the assistant post master, are natives of Ohio. The post master was formerly well known here for many years in business. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F., K. of P., and A. O. U. W. He has lived here eleven years. Mr. Perdue holds the confidence of the public; is ever prompt and attentive to all.

Myers & Co., Druggists.—The elegant establishment of Messrs. Myers & Co. has been in existence for the past three years, and has developed a large business. The premises occupied consist of a substantial frame building, 20x80 feet. The stock carried is full and complete, embracing, as it does, drugs and chemicals.

reputable proprietary medicines, toilet articles, etc. A special feature is the compounding of physician's prescriptions, which is carried out by trained and experienced pharmacists. Mr. Myers is a native of Germany. He was formerly in the grain business in Missouri; also in the implement business for five years in this State. He built the first elevator in Holt County, Mo., and was collector of the county one term. During the war he served three years in the 73d Indiana Volunteers, and 9th Indiana Volunteers. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

Pennsylvania House, Geo. L. Myers, Proprietor, Corner Hersey Avenue and South Street.—Six years ago a notable addition to the existing hotels was made when the Pennsylvania House threw open its doors. In every feature it is a most desirable stopping place. Every convenience is supplied, and the management is able and liberal. Mr. Myers takes especial pride in his table, and his rates bear favorable comparison with those quoted for accommodations not half so desirable. He brings to bear his personal superintendence in every department of the house, the careful attention to the welfare of his guests having been the factors of his success. Mr. Myers is a native of Ohio, and served in the 49th Wisconsin Inf. during the war. He is a popular member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F.

Mead & Thompson, Real Estate, Etc.—To certainly attain the greatest measure of security and the best results, the services of an experienced broker are always necessary. The firm of Mead & Thompson was formed in December, '87, and is well known as one of high standing. Its connections are with the best capitalists, investors and property owners of the city and suburbs. In addition to the large real estate business, they loan money, write insurance, etc. Mr. Mead is a prominent lawyer of Beloit, having graduated in law in Iowa, in 1879. He began practice here ten years ago, and makes a specialty of collections. He numbers among his clients some of the stanchest property owners in Beloit. He is a notary public, and an I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. He is a native of Ohio. Mr. Thompson formerly lived in Iowa, and was engaged in farming. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

The New York Store Mercantile Company.—The most complete mercantile house in Beloit is that of the New York Store Mercantile Company, 1st July, 1888. This mammoth house since it opened its doors has scored a grand success, an enormous wholesale and retail business being done, and twelve to eighteen clerks being employed. The dry goods department occupies a space 50x100 feet and half a basement; the grocery is 25x120 with an entire basement. The house is in every way equal to the finest in metropolitan cities, the departments being specially adapted for their particular line. The stock includes everything, foreign and domestic dry goods, notions, novelties, clothing, boots and shoes, and nothing shoddy. The president, L. Hasgall, is a native of Germany, is a Mason, and fifteen years in this business in this country. W. M. Lutz, vice president, was born

in Iowa and has had four years' experience in the business. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Baer, was also born in Germany. He is a Mason, A. O. U. W. and K. P. He has been seventeen years in America and in the business all his life. Prompt and honorable in their policy they fully merit their great success.

D. M. McIntyre, Loans and Real Estate.—This agency was established in 1886, and from its inception has maintained an enduring hold on public favor. The first partnership formed was that of Cooley & McIntyre, on the dissolving of which Mr. McIntyre conducted the business alone for one year. In 1888 he took Mr. Culver, until September, 1889, when he again took affairs into his own hands. The office is finely appointed. A general loan and real estate business is transacted; houses, lots and real property of every description being bought, sold and exchanged, and rents collected also. Loans are negotiated on bond and mortgage. Mr. McIntyre was born in Canada, and formerly was engaged in farming. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodmen. He is a gentleman of sound judgment and superior business ability, and persons entering into relations with him have found them pleasant and satisfactory.

W. W. McCracken, Loan and Insurance Agent.—With a vast practical experience in the requirements of the loan and insurance business, Mr. W. W. McCracken is well qualified to carry on the enterprise, which he established four years ago, and he makes a specialty of insurance on farm property, and represents the Lancashire Insurance Company, the Burlington, of Iowa, etc. He writes risks for any amount, at the lowest rates, and negotiates loans on bond and mortgage, for any required sum. His offices are attractively fitted up, and admirably equipped with all facilities needed for business. Mr. McCracken is a native of Pennsylvania; has lived in Kansas since 1871, and was formerly engaged in farming. He is a wide-awake business man and enjoys an exemplary reputation.

Stevens & Stevens, Lawyers.—This pushing and popular firm was established in 1886, and has gained a reputation for sagacity and reliability. Mr. C. P. Stevens studied law with Levi Cooper, of this city, and was admitted to the bar in 1879. His partner, Mr. W. C. Stevens, is a graduate from the law department of the Kansas State University, and was admitted to practice in Douglas County, Kas., in June, 1886. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. By close attention to their clients' interests, and preparing their cases with exhaustiveness, they have built up a large business.

J. T. Barnes, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—Prominent among those who have contributed to the material development of Beloit in real estate matters is Mr. J. T. Barnes, who established himself here in 1879. He has every facility for the prompt negotiation of loans, representing leading loan companies: the Equitable Mortgage Company; Scott & Brier, of Topeka, etc. He buys, sells and exchanges farms, ranches and city property, collects rents,

pays taxes for non-residents, etc., while his prestige as an insurance agent is clearly illustrated by the following list of companies: The L. L. & G., the largest in the world; Continental; Mutual Life of New York; Northwestern National, of New Hampshire, etc. Mr. Barnes is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas from his native State in 1867. He formerly lived in Lawrence, Kas., for ten years, where he was also in the insurance business.

H. L. Wiley, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder.—Established this business in '78, and by superior work and popular methods has reared an enterprise which entitles him to the distinction of representative. His shop, 18x40 feet, is supplied with all requisite facilities and machinery. A force of three to fifteen skilled workmen is employed. Mr. Wiley was born in Ohio, and fought in the 13th Iowa Inf., and is identified with several organizations, the I. O. O. F., G. A. R., etc.

J. W. Bartleson, Register of Deeds and Abstractor.—Is a native of Illinois and is one of Beloit's leading citizens. He was elected register in November, 1885, having since displayed superior ability in the discharge of his duties. His niece and deputy, Miss Ida Bartleson, is well qualified to fill her position. Mr. B. has a complete set of abstract books of the county. He received his education in his native State, and during the war fought in the 81st Illinois Inf. He was formerly engaged in farming near Beloit. He is a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

Munn & Squier, Real Estate.—One of the enterprising real estate firms here are Messrs. Munn & Squier, whose business was established in March, '88. They have upon their books descriptions of the most eligible properties, both city and country, and make prompt negotiations of loans on bond and mortgage. Mr. Munn is a native of New York, and has been in real estate in Beloit six years. Mr. Squier was born in Quincy, Ill., and was formerly connected with the creamery business in Kansas four years.

C. H. Burt, Second Hand Store, No. 9 Mill Street.—This house was founded in November, 1888. The handsomely appointed store, 20x40 feet, is stocked with a varied assortment of fancy goods and notions, while a principal feature is the five and ten-cent counter. Mr. Burt deals also in iron, rags, brass, copper, old rubber, etc. He is also the city bill-poster and distributor, does baggage hauling for "show" parties. He is a native of New York, and has resided in Beloit ten years, having formerly been express messenger for both railroads here. He is a member of the K. of P.

A. T. Rodgers, Grain and Live Stock.—Mr. Rodgers established his business in Beloit, in 1878, and has since developed a trade of great magnitude. He is a man of much practical experience in his line, and is well known throughout Kansas, being a member of leading firms in Bennington, Glasco and Solomon Rapids. He employs three hands. He was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, but has long resided in

Kansas. He was formerly engaged in buying stock in Iowa. He is a member of the Masons, K. of P., etc.

Pacific Express Company, Missouri Pacific Freight and Ticket Agent, N. W. Marsh, Manager.—Since the establishment of the Pacific Express Company at this point, business has not failed to increase materially, and to keep pace with the steady growth of the city. The office is conveniently located at the Missouri Pacific Railway office. Mr. N. W. Marsh is a native of Sunmansville, Ripley County, Ind. He has been eight years with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and is one of the most trusted employed by them. He is known for his straightforward system of business and general able management.

I. D. Young, Attorney and Negotiator of Loans, Insurance and Real Estate.—By a large experience in financial operations, and extensive acquaintance with capitalists, Mr. Young is especially fitted for this business, which he established in 1885. He is a native of Iowa, and lived in Mitchell County fifteen years. He was on a farm till he was sixteen years of age, the next twelve years of his life being spent in teaching. He was then two terms superintendent of public instruction in Mitchell County, afterwards being elected to represent the twenty-ninth senatorial district of Mitchell and Cloud Counties for four years in the State Senate. He is recognized as a lawyer of ability and a public spirited and energetic man of business.

Grover & Giesler, Queen City Meat Market.—The well ordered establishment of Grover & Giesler, started in 1889. Here purchasers are always assured of receiving a superior article and courteous attention. The store is 25x50 feet, stone, two stories, and is fitted up and equipped in excellent style. Mr. Grover was born in New York State, and formerly clerked for eight years in Beloit. Mr. Giesler was born in Germany, and since residing in this country has always been in the business.

J. C. Lowry, Beloit Agent for the German Insurance Company and the Home of New York.—The reliable methods practiced by the German Insurance Company of Freeport, Ills., and of the Home of New York are well known to the public. They have had a long and honored career of usefulness and prosperity, and are to-day among the strongest companies in the business. Mr. J. C. Lowry, the present agent, was born in Ohio, and is enterprising and progressive. He makes a specialty of collections and paying taxes for parties. He served three years in the 6th Kansas Cav. during the war. He was wounded several times. He is a Blue Lodge and Chapter Mason and one of Beloit's most respected citizens.

W. Hoffmeister, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Collars, Bridles, Whips, Combs, Brushes.—This business was founded in 1872, and has always had a prosperous career. Mr. Hoffmeister is the leading representative in his line in the city. He occupies a building 30x80 feet, appointed with all necessities for work. He keeps six men em-

ployed, and makes a specialty of repairing. Mr. H. is an experienced harness maker. He was born in San Antonio, Texas, but has resided in Beloit seventeen years. He was in the same business many years at Junction City, and is known throughout the State for his superior work. He is an honored member of the Masons and I. O. O. F.

S. M. Ewing, Hard, Soft and Blacksmith's Coal.—Mr. Ewing established this business the 12th of April, '89, and has, from the first, commanded a large trade. He sells his coal at the lowest prices, and fills all orders promptly. Mr. E. is a native of Illinois, and fought in the 126th Inf. in the war. He formerly lived in Lawrence, where he was connected with the ice business, and was also in groceries there for five years. He belongs to the Masons and G. A. R., and gives his entire attention to his business.

Union Meat Market, Geenen Bros., Proprietors.—Among the men in Beloit supplying the citizens with meats, none have a better class of custom than Messrs. Geenen Bros. The premises consist of a stone building, neatly fitted up. The stock embraces a choice line of meats of all kinds, fish, poultry, etc. Messrs. Geenen Bros. were born in Kansas City. One of them is a member of the I. O. O. F. They have been engaged in this enterprise since 1878, have gained a high reputation as caterers to the public demand.

Schroth's City Bakery and Restaurant, Mill Street.—The City Bakery was established in 1886, and from the inception its career has been one of prosperity. The premises occupied comprise a two-storied frame building, with handsome stone front, and 20x60 feet in size. The products of the house consist of all kinds of breads, rolls, cakes, etc., while the restaurant is always supplied with the best that the market affords. A stock of cigars, tobacco, confections, fruits, oysters, etc., is carried. Mr. Schroth was born in Germany, and came to the United States in 1854. During the war he fought in the 1st Richmond Inf., and was formerly engaged in the brewing business twenty-four years in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. He is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W.

L. F. Dobler, Photographer.—An attractive establishment is that of L. F. Dobler of Beloit. This studio is admirably located and handsomely fitted up. One competent assistant is engaged, and the pictures are noted for delicacy of shading and general artistic excellence. Mr. Dobler was born in Pennsylvania, and was several years in mercantile business, milling and farming in Illinois. Since he commenced here, in 1881, he has secured public favor and enjoys the patronage of the best known residents.

James M. Caraway, Elmwood Marble Works.—This concern is a leading representative in its line. Mr. Caraway brings to bear special qualifications on his trade. A native of Ohio, he was formerly engaged in the livery and real estate business. He started his present enterprise in 1887, and has executed all work in the way of monuments, slabs, etc., in the highest standard of taste and excellence. His

premises are located east of the Avenue House, and here he employs five skilled workmen.

Robert Cassidy, Blacksmithing.—This is one of the oldest enterprises in Beloit, having been founded in 1873 by the present owner. The shop is 30x55 feet, admirably fitted up with every appliance, constant employment being furnished to two skilled hands. Mr. C. is a master of his trade, and learned it in Canada, his native country. He enjoys a measure of popularity placing him beyond the requirements of praise.

Avenue House, D. A. Freeman, Proprietor.—The popular Avenue House stands in the heart of the city, and consists of a three-story stone building with basement, a handsome specimen of architecture. There are seventy-five sleeping-rooms, and the dining-room can seat sixty-four people, sample-rooms, billiard parlor, etc. The *cuisine* is unsurpassed, and the twelve employes are polite and attentive. The genial host is a practical hotel man. He opened the house in 1881, and also conducts equally successfully the Brunswick Hotel, of this city. This is a three-story frame building, containing thirty-five rooms, dining-room, with seating capacity for forty. Six attendants are on hand and similar order prevails as in the Avenue House. Mr. Freeman is a native of Wisconsin, and one of Beloit's most useful and honored citizens. He has been two years mayor, and it was owing chiefly to his influence that the city water works were built. By a majority of forty-eight he was recently elected county treasurer. He fought in the 39th Wisconsin Inf. in the late war. He has lived in Beloit nineteen years, and formerly was nine years in the livery business here. He also owns a large farm near town, and is a strong man for Beloit and Mitchell County.

Jas. Fowler, Feed Store.—This business enjoys a permanent and influential patronage. The premises occupied consist of a two-story stone building, 16x20 feet. Mr. F. handles feed of all kinds, potatoes, vegetables, etc. He is thoroughly conversant with the business, having formerly been in farming, later in groceries, after which he ran a delivery wagon six years.

B. Grout, Livery.—This popular livery occupies a spacious building, 50x90 feet, with thirty-three stalls. Ten head of horses are kept for hire, and everything about the place denotes order. Mr. G. was born in Vermont, formerly engaged in farming, and belongs to the I. O. O. F. He gives his personal attention to business, seeing that his patrons get good rigs.

G. W. Port, Wholesale and Retail Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Valises, Hats and Caps, Trunks, Etc.—Special attention is directed to the house of Mr. G. W. Port, which is one of the leading concerns of its kind in Northwest Kansas. The business was established in 1878. The handsome premises consist of a stone building, extending from Mill Street to Court Street and Post Office Alley, 200 feet in length. The stock is complete in every department, and three salesmen are employed. Mr. Port was born in England, and reared in Ohio. He is a gentleman of wide range of experience, and relations

formed with him cannot but be of a profitable character to all.

John Born, Merchant Tailor.—This gentleman has been foremost in elevating the standard of elegance in dress. Mr. Born is a native of Switzerland, but came to the United States in 1865. He started here in 1888, and has ever enjoyed a liberal patronage. His store is 20x40, and contains a select stock of imported and domestic woollens for business or dress suits, which he makes with artistic cut and a careful corps of workmen.

L. Stricker, Contractor and Builder.—Established himself in Beloit, in 1878, in this line, and with ample resources and advantages has been able to achieve success. He is a native of Indiana, and is an I. O. O. F. and member of the G. A. R. He has lived in Kansas since 1870. During the war he served in the 13th Indiana Cav., and has nine brothers, six of whom served in the war. His father served in the French Revolution under Napoleon.

C. H. Harp, Fashionable Merchant Tailor, Court Street.—These premises, excellently furnished and well fitted up, are one of the fashionable resorts of the city. The stock from which selections can be made consists of superior fabrics; while the six employés are competent experts. The garments are unsurpassed. Mr. Harp was born in Maryland, and was reared in tailoring. He started here in 1887.

A. R. Allison, Contractor and Builder; Shop, Corner Main Street and Hersey Avenue.—Mr. Allison began business here in 1887, and has developed a fine trade. His shop is fitted

with all necessary tools, and two hands are regularly employed. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Kansas in 1857. During the war he served in the 2d Kansas Inf. He resided in Fort Scott twenty-one years. He is a member of the G. A. R. and Masons.

Wm. Kinsley, Proprietor Bay State Shoe Store.—This store was opened by Mr. Kinsley in June, 1889, and the excellent goods handled by him, and his strict business methods, have been the principal reason of his success. Mr. Kinsley is a native of New York, and came west thirty-five years ago; he lived in Illinois twenty-five years, engaged in the carriage business. He was ten years in partnership with his brother, on Mill Street, here.

Al. Rummel, Baker and Confectioner.—Is a native of Germany, and a thoroughly practical baker. He founded this bakery in 1877, and success has ever attended him. He carries a fine stock of bread, pies, rolls, buns, cakes, pastries, and confectionery of all kinds. He is a member of the Masonic Order.

The "Western Democrat."—Was established in 1877, and was bought from H. A. Yonge, by its present proprietors, I. W. & J. S. Parks, the first of the year. Messrs. Parks are reliable men and able editors. The paper under their care is fast increasing its list of subscribers, who now number over a thousand. It appears every Friday in quarto form, and is recognized as a support of and credit to Mitchell County. Messrs. Parks are practical printers and execute the best of job work.

CAWKER CITY.

CAWKER CITY, beautiful for situation, the central mart of four counties, center of the Golden Belt, at the confluence of the Solomon Rivers.

Of the many thriving cities and towns of the famed Solomon Valley, none are more beautiful for situation than Cawker City, located as it is at the junction of the North and South Forks of the Solomon River, into which empty, within a few miles, numerous creeks and streams from the north and south. No portion of Northern Kansas is better watered, or streams more abundantly timbered, than the section immediately surrounding this Queen of the Valley. The founders of Cawker City wisely selected rising ground, insuring the best natural drainage and consequently immunity from sickness to which towns occupying low, flat sites are more or less subject. The plat comprises four quarter-sections—a mile square—with wide streets and avenues laid out at right angles; the two principal streets, one running north and south, the other east and west, are one hundred feet wide; all others are seventy-five feet wide. Thrifty growing trees fringe the sides of the principal residence streets, and the well-kept lawns and yards surrounding the dwellings attest to the taste for

the beautiful and love for comfort of the residents. A sheet of the purest water underlies the town, at a depth ranging from ten to forty feet, supplying every residence with abundance for all purposes, either by open or bored wells, and no town in the State is better supplied with wind-mills in houseyards to raise the water to the surface and nourish—

"The tender grass, whose verdure clad
Her universal face with pleasant green."

Magnesium limestone abounds, and is quarried right adjoining the town site. It is in strata of eight to twelve inches, and is the handsomest building stone in the State. Of this the stores and business houses are constructed principally, there being a few brick, many of them having plate-glass windows. Some of the residences are also built of either stone or brick, and a number of them will vie in architectural beauty, form, size and convenience with the dwellings of larger cities. The people of Cawker City and vicinity are principally from the Northern and Eastern States, and are all of the most progressive, pushing and active element of their several localities; intelligent, refined and cultured, always seeking for the advancement of themselves and children.

The educational facilities of Cawker City are second to none in Kansas, even in cities of larger growth. Believing that not only the characters of the children are molded in the school-room, but that the standing of the community is gauged as rising, progressive, stationary, or retrograding, by the work and influence of the teachers, the people have ever been careful to employ those who will advance the best interests of education in general; cheerfully voting all necessary aid at their annual meetings, in the way of taxes for teachers' salaries, library fund, apparatus, and improvements to the grounds. The results are, an accredited high school from which the graduates pass to the State University without further preparation; a practical course of study for those who do not wish to spend the extra time, or who wish to take up some special line of business; uniformity of text-books, so that resident pupils from other parts of the county are not put to extra expense in purchasing supplies; one of the most complete sets of chemical and philosophical apparatus for experiments; a well-filled school library of interesting books on travels, biography, science, and reference books, as well as select authors' productions.

With such appliances for research, and a corps of seven teachers, the last year school records show a ninety-four per cent of enrollment in attendance.

Another of Cawker's educational powers is the public library, managed by the Woman's Hesperian Library Club, numbering fifty members. These women, in five years, have bought two lots, erected a building at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, and by various entertainments raised funds to purchase one thousand volumes of books; and, best of all, do not owe a cent on anything belonging to them. The public library is patronized by residents at several miles distance, and often requires the service of more than one attendant when open two days of the week. It also contains a mineralogical cabinet, comprising over one thousand specimens of great value.

The various religious denominations represented are Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, United Brethren and Catholic; these all have commodious, substantial church buildings in which they meet, and, in addition are several other sects, who hold meetings but have no buildings, viz.: Baptist, Christian, Holiness, etc.

Nearly all the secret and social societies are represented—the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., G. A. R., W. R. C., Select Knights, Daughters of Rebekah, Modern Woodmen, W. C. T. U., a building and loan, and a fair association, the latter having the finest grounds and track in Northwestern Kansas, all the necessary buildings and a grove of thrifty trees, the whole inclosed with a high hedge fence.

All branches of business and mechanics are represented, though there is always room for more. There are two banks, investment company, numerous money loaners and insurance agents, four general stores, one exclusive dry goods store and one clothing store, two jewelers, one book store, five groceries, two hardware stores, two agricultural implement dealers, one lumber yard, two coal dealers, five drug stores,

one notion dealer, three restaurants and confectioners, three butchers, two barbers, four blacksmiths, a dozen or more each of carpenters, stone masons and plasterers, machinists, mill wrights, shoe makers, photographers, real estate dealers, five lawyers, four doctors, veterinary surgeon, furniture store, three newspapers—The *Public Record*, *Journal* and *Times*, four buyers of hogs and stock, two elevators and two grain buyers, etc., an opera house costing ten thousand dollars, completely furnished with stage, scenery, and seating for an audience of six hundred. Two flouring mills close to town have abundance of water power to run their new and improved machinery. The Great Spirit Springs, three miles southeast of Cawker City, are famed for the medicinal properties of the water which rises to the surface of a mound that is supposed to be of volcanic origin. A hotel building has been erected, and the place is much resorted to by health-seekers. The water is also shipped to the East, in bottles and barrels, and sold by druggists.

The population of Cawker City ranges from twelve to fifteen hundred, and is composed of a steady class of people. It has never felt the direful effects of a "boom," but on the contrary the business has always been on a sound, reliable basis, with values of an upward tendency, rather than of a fluctuating nature. The business men are known among jobbers and wholesalers to be the most reliable, on a sounder financial footing, and the surest payers of any town in the Northwest; in fact there has never been a business failure of any importance in the city.

The surrounding country is occupied by as good and thrifty class of farmers and stock-growers as can be found in any country, and the millions of bushels of grain, piled up awaiting shipment, or held for feeding, is an evidence of their toil and the productiveness of the soil. The future of the agricultural and stock interests of this locality cannot be estimated or conceived. The resources of the soil are inexhaustible.

Manufacturing of all kinds would flourish here, particularly that which would convert home-grown and home-raised commodities into the necessities and luxuries which, at present, are shipped in from abroad. There is every evidence that salt, in inexhaustible quantities, lies beneath the surface of this locality, and a salt plant, if established here, would compete successfully with those in other portions of the State. Coal has also been discovered at a depth that could be easily worked and thus solve the fuel question. The Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific is the only railroad at present reaching this point, but a north and south road has already been surveyed and will probably reach this place during the present year.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CAWKER CITY.

Cawker City State Bank.—This bank was originally established November 1st, 1881, under the firm name of H. P. Churchill & Co.; then was incorporated on April 1st, 1882, as the

First National Bank, and, lastly, on October 15th, 1888, was re-incorporated under the State laws of Kansas as the Cawker City State Bank, with a capital of \$100,000, being under the same management throughout all the changes. The established reputation for reliability and safety, which it has had from the start, has procured this institution an ever-increasing sphere of operations. The officers are: President, E. E. Parker; vice president, X. B. Woodbury (president of the Kansas Live Stock Company of Cawker); the enterprising cashier, W. C. Remfry, was born in Michigan, and has been connected with the bank since September, 1879. He is Mayor of Cawker, and in Michigan was in the post office business. The assistant cashier, E. M. Bergen, is a native of Illinois, was educated at Beloit, Wis., and has been five years with the bank.

Cribs & Kennedy, General Merchandise.—In the subdivision of Cawker City's trade, we find no firm occupying a more important position than Cribs & Kennedy. They have been in business here together, since August, '87, during which time they have made their business a regular feature of the city's enterprises. They occupy a two-story building, 25x80 feet in size, besides basement, and employ three hands. Mr. Cribs has been in the business here eleven years. He is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and a veteran of the late war, being at present a member of the G. A. R. post here, and also a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Kennedy is a native of Indiana, and has been in the general merchandise business here ten years. He started out in life as a farmer in Iowa, and was honored by being elected treasurer of Clark County. Later, he was engaged in the milling and banking business.

Security Investment Company.—Cawker City, in the Security Investment Company, possesses a wealthy institution of undoubted solvency and prudent management. It was incorporated 1886, with a capital of \$250,000, their specialty being the negotiation of farm loans, and eight clerks are employed. The president is E. E. Parker, vice president of the American National Bank, of Kansas City, president of Cawker City State Bank and other banks. He is a Mason. H. P. Churchill, vice president, comes from Michigan; V. H. Branch, secretary, from Vermont, came here in 1886, and was formerly in the Cloud County Bank, at Concordia. He is a Freemason. Both the officers of this company, and the directors, represent in their personnel, ability and tone in business relations.

R. M. Perrine, Insurance, Real Estate and Loans.—Our pen sketches of Cawker City's leading enterprises would not be complete without mention of Mr. R. M. Perrine, established ten years. He is the representative here of the German Insurance Company, of Freeport, Ill., and of eleven other leading companies of the country. "Prompt, conservative and safe" is the motto of his insurance companies. He also does a large loan and real estate business, and has some fine bargains to offer in the latter. Mr. Perrine is a native of Indiana, and is justice

of the peace here. He is an I. O. O. F., and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 16th Indiana Inf. He is thoroughly imbued with the benefits to be derived from the insurance companies he represents, their record being the pride of the insurance world, and he is prepared to take desirable risks for any amount.

Wm. Buchner, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—Mr. Buchner has been in the business here since December, 1888. His building is one of the finest of its kind in the country, being a capacious stone structure, 40x100 feet. He employs two hands and keeps fourteen head of horses of his own. Mr. Buchner is a native of Iowa and an old settler in Kansas. In early life he was engaged in the stock business, but from 1872 until he established himself at this place he was a farmer in Jewell County, Kas. He holds a large share of the patronage of this section, and furnishes elegant single or double teams at reasonable rates. He always keeps on hand an abundant supply of feed and other provisions, and facilities for boarding and feeding horses in a first-class manner. He does an immense business as a buyer and shipper of stock. He is an expert veterinary surgeon, being the only one in the city. Mr. Buchner is in every sense of the term a live, progressive citizen, and his enterprise is of the kind which lends spirit to the progress of the community.

Col. W. C. Whitney, Post Master.—One of the oldest and most useful citizens Cawker City has ever had, one who has had abundant opportunity to observe the growth and development of this section of country, is Col. W. C. Whitney, the present post master. This gentleman has held more public offices than any man in Cawker. He was born in Maine; he was mayor for four terms; also county commissioner, city councilman, etc. Previous to his present term, he held the same office for five years. He also was in the hotel business here for fifteen years. He is an I. O. O. F., and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in a regiment of Illinois Artillery. He has been post commander of the Cawker City Post two terms. He was a prominent candidate for department commander. Col. Whitney, politically, and in other respects, is one of Cawker City's leaders, and was the citizens' choice for post master.

D. C. Everson, Druggist and Pharmacist.—If we wished to single out some one individual store which would show the tone of Cawker City and the standing of her trade in general, D. C. Everson's Drug Store would be the one we would choose. It was established in '71, and purchased by its present owner in '76, and has, from the first, enjoyed a paying trade. It occupies a two-story stone building, 22x96 feet, and employs two clerks. Mr. Everson was born in New York; he has been in Kansas nineteen years, and in Cawker City thirteen years. He graduated at Rush Medical College in '69, and was for eleven years a regular practicing physician in this county. He is a member of the Masons. Age, good goods, and fair prices have made Everson's one of the most popular places in the city.

L. S. Tucker, Notary Public and Real Estate Agent.—A notable example of energy and success is the Hon. L. S. Tucker, Representative in the State Legislature from the 100th District, and one of the leading Republicans of this county in 1870. He was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Cawker City in 1870. Before coming West he was employed in the Pennsylvania cotton factories, and before engaging in the real estate business in this State was an engineer. When the Rebellion was precipitated upon the country he volunteered in the 8th Pennsylvania Cav. He does not work for self-aggrandizement, but for the good of the community and the up-building of the city. He is thoroughly posted on the question of real estate, having devoted his whole attention to it since 1874, and can find bargains for anybody wishing to buy, sell or trade property.

C. M. Higley, Law, Real Estate and Insurance.—This gentleman is a loyal and tireless laborer in behalf of his clients. He was born and educated in Ohio, studied law at Iowa City University, and established himself in his present business in June, 1886. He is thoroughly posted on the real estate of Mitchell County, and those writing to him will find him a pleasant gentleman, prompt and detailed in his methods. He also represents the following insurance companies: Liverpool, London and Globe, Commercial Insurance Company, and the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

Cawker City "Times."—This well-known journal was started in June, 1888, and now has a circulation of 720. Republican in politics, it is clearly printed, and alert to all local happenings, and ever ready to assist anything calculated to benefit the city. J. W. McBride, the enterprising owner, is a native of Ohio, and been twelve years in newspaper business; he traveled in his earlier days five years for J. Mueller, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; he was also from '65 to '70 in the implement business at Ottumwa and Chariton, Iowa. He is a gentleman honored by all who know him.

Dr. J. A. Harris, Druggist and Physician.—The medical profession is one requiring a great deal of self-sacrifice. Dr. H. came here from Kentucky, where he graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine in 1881. He has been practicing in Cawker now three years, and in February, 1889, opened his drug store. The doctor is a careful physician and reliable druggist, is a member of the Masonic order, and a man of generous and liberal ways.

Geo. B. Oakes, Carpenter and Contractor.—This enterprising gentleman has been established five years here, and employs two regular hands. He does an increasing business in contracting and building, and carpentering, and built several of the best residences in this growing city. Mr. Oakes has been in the business many years. He was born in Vermont, and before, emigrating West lived in New York State, where he was engaged at his trade. Mr. Oakes has always made it a rule to do his work just as it would be done were he working for himself, and consequently has gained a reputa-

tion which is sure never to find him out of work. Mr. Oakes is a member of the G. A. R., and Select Knights.

G. W. Marsters, Druggist.—The drug store of Dr. G. W. Marsters was established in 1879, and has since built up a trade which renders it one of the most important enterprises in the city. It occupies a building of stone, two stories, 21x65 feet. The Doctor is a native of Massachusetts, and has that polite consideration for his fellowmen for which the sons of the old Bay State are noted wherever known. He is a physician by profession, and graduated at Harvard College in 1865. During the entire war he was a surgeon in the United States Navy; afterwards in Massachusetts, and came to Kansas from Michigan. He is a member of the G. A. R. at this place.

George Tuthill, Dealer in Furniture, Carpets and Wall Paper.—This establishment was founded eleven years ago, and occupies a stone building with brick front, two stories, 23x142 feet. Mr. Tuthill keeps in stock a supply of furniture fit to grace the interior of the finest mansion and with prices to suit the most humble. He also has Brussels and ingrain carpets and wall paper. Mr. Tuthill is a native of New York State, and in his lifetime has been engaged in various pursuits. He first emigrated as far west as Iowa, where he was for several years engaged in farming. Since coming to Cawker City he has always been alive to the community's interests. He is a member of the United Workmen.

Garrett & Lathrop, Hardware.—No better proof of the advancement of Cawker City within the last few years can be shown than the dimensions which the trade of this firm has assumed. They have been in the business three years and occupy a two-story stone building, 25x75. A complete stock of hardware, stoves, tinware, guns, ammunition, glass, paints and oils is kept. Mr. Garrett has been brought up in the business. Mr. G. is a New Yorker by birth, while Mr. L. is a native of Connecticut, and was formerly in the meat business.

R. M. Foster, Photographer.—To visit such a well-appointed gallery as Mr. Foster's is as good as seeing a studio of a great master. Mr. Foster started here four years ago, and at present occupies a room 15x40 feet. He has had a life experience in photography, and followed it many years traveling. His work is its best recommendation, and is executed in the best manner, at reasonable rates. It has received many encomiums from judges and connoisseurs.

J. E. Moulton, Druggist.—An old established house is that of Mr. J. E. Moulton, founded as far back as 1872. The well-appointed store is 20x65 feet; at all times is carried drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles and druggists' sundries of all kinds, guaranteed of best quality. Mr. Moulton was born in Waukesha, Wis., and is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and K. of P. He is one of the oldest settlers in Kansas, and has been connected with the drug business all his life. He is extensively interested in the drug business in various places in the West.

Kelly & Kelly, Millinery and Notions.—This store is stocked with everything that goes to enhance the beauty of woman in the way of wearing apparel. Founded in August, 1888, the style was known as Kelly & Johnson, before Mrs. E. Kelly purchased an interest. Mrs. Anna Kelly was born in Michigan, and Mrs. E. is a native of Ohio. They understand their work thoroughly, occupy an elegant store and carry the latest fashions.

Harry Searle.—Very few Kansans have had better opportunity to "see the world" than Mr. Harry Searle. He was born in England, and since coming to the United States, twenty-six years ago, has traveled all over the country, from one end to the other. During part of his life in this country he was an engineer in Illinois and Dakota, and when he struck Cawker City he concluded it was time to locate. He started in business in 1878, and has ever since been one of Cawker's prominent citizens. He is a trustee of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State. He came from England in 1863, and belongs to the old stock of Searles, in this country.

J. Rothschild, Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps.—The name of Rothschild is synonymous with low prices. Mr. R. has been in this city ten years in this line, and claims to operate the cheapest store in Northwestern Kansas, and stands ready at all times to prove it. His store is 25x100 feet and employs two clerks. Mr. R. is from Pennsylvania, and is an active Mason and I. O. O. F.

The "Public Record," L. L. Alrich, Editor and Publisher.—The *Public Record* is an able exponent of the interests of Cawker City, and is a credit to its editor. Although it has

experienced several metamorphoses in name and form, it has always grown better with each succeeding change. It was first established in 1873 under the name of the *Tribune*; in 1875 it was re-established as the *Echo*; again, in 1878, it appeared as the *Free Press*, and, in 1883, it assumed its present name. The editor, Mr. L. L. Alrich, is a tireless worker in the interest of his city, county and State. He is a native of Philadelphia, and during the war he served his country as a faithful soldier in Company B of the 71st Pennsylvania Volunteers. He is a Mason and a fearless exponent of whatever he believes to be right.

Thomas Kelly, Livery and Feed Stable.—This gentleman, being a Kentuckian, renders him naturally adapted to horse business. In his spacious barn the finest turnouts will be found and furnished at a moment's notice. He started here in January, twelve years ago, and is counted one of the best judges of a horse in Kansas. Before coming to Kansas he farmed in Iowa, and was also six years a stage driver in that State.

The Powell House.—Was opened by its genial landlord, W. M. Powell, in December, 1889. Mr. P. has been twenty-three years in hotel business, and came here from Emporia, where he lived eighteen years, and was proprietor of the leading hotel.

Pape's Meat Market.—This well-known market has been running three years. It is 22x50. Always has fresh meats on hand, and employs three hands to meet the demands of a thriving business. J. S. Johnston, the proprietor, was born in Ohio, and formerly ran the hotels here, the Commercial, Central and Whitney, two years each.

OSBORNE.

THE City of Osborne is the capital and chief town of the county bearing the same name. It is situated on the South Solomon River, near the center of the State, east and west, about forty miles south of the Nebraska line. To give our readers a proper idea of its importance it will be necessary for us to inter-link a few points about the county itself.

The intelligent person who rides for the first time over the broad prairies of Osborne, whatever he may have heard about Kansas, or whatever impression he may have previously formed, will find here many things to challenge surprise and admiration. The evidences of prosperity meet him on every hand—prosperous little towns, magnificent farms, fine buildings, great herds of cattle, large schools and churches. He becomes enraptured with the beauty of the country, the excellent roads, while the dry atmosphere clears out the stagnant matter of his lungs and brings his blood to a state of activity he has never experienced before. He naturally wants to become a resident of such a county, and if he be a farmer, mechanic, manufacturer

or professional man, he will see a broader and more profitable field for the exercise of his talents than in the older and more densely populated sections of our country.

Osborne is one of the best watered counties in the State. Two arms of the Solomon River extend across its northern half and four other streams, with their tributaries, enter the Solomon from the south. The valleys of these streams are by nature the arteries of commerce, and will doubtless in time be traversed by lines of railroad. The City of Osborne was located with reference to this fact, at a point on the Solomon where these avenues come to a common center. The surface of the county is diversified between smooth, level bottom land, gentle slopes and rolling uplands. There is scarcely an acre of waste land in the entire county, the drainage being so perfect, and the surface unbroken by rugged declivities. The streams are marked by a growth of timber on both banks. The depth of the soil is unlimited and its resources inexhaustible.

The health of the county is one of its leading

features. What is wealth without health. With an elevation of eighteen hundred feet above the sea, perfect drainage, pure air, its grave yards are tenantless. The health officer reports, out of a population of sixteen thousand, only eighty deaths occurred—five per thousand, which is about one-third of the average death rate of the United States. Winters and summers are short, spring and fall long of duration. The assessed value of county property, for March of the present year, was \$2,646,470, one-third of its actual value, calculated at ten per cent on its worth.

Osborne, town and county, has had always a rapid and steady growth. There have been at times reactions from periods of too strong upward tendencies, but it would be difficult to cite an instance where an investment in farm property has failed to give a handsome profit to the owner in a period of five years.

Osborne is one of the handsomest towns in Kansas, situated west of the center of the State. The commanding situation, in a region of such fertility, enterprise and productiveness, has been both the cause and guaranty of her enviable position. Her growth has been steady, never ceasing for a single season, if the erection of new dwellings, stores and public improvements, and the accumulation of wealth are any evidence. If we go back to 1879, when the Missouri Pacific Railroad reached Osborne, we find the assessed value of the city property was thirty thousand dollars; in 1880, it rose to sixty-three thousand dollars, and has gone on steadily advancing till to-day it is two hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and fifty-eight dollars. In 1879, the population was about two hundred and fifty people, to-day it is estimated at nineteen hundred.

The main product of the county has always been corn. Short of five million bushels were raised last year, but wheat, oats, sorghum, millet, broom-corn and potatoes are rapidly coming to the front. Over twenty-eight thousand acres gave, last year, from ten to forty bushels per acre; twelve thousand acres of rye yielded from twenty-five to forty bushels; thirteen thousand acres in oats gave fifty to seventy-five bushels to the acre. The sorghum plant is peculiarly at home here, and has never been known to fail, and withstood the grasshoppers of 1874; it is largely used as fodder. At present writing a company is being organized to go into the manufacture of sugar from the sorghum plant, at Osborne. The pasture lands of the county further raise many thousands of cattle, horses, mules and sheep. The finest hogs are raised on corn.

Much attention is given to educational interests. In this county there are one hundred and twenty-six districts, each of which maintains schools from three to nine months in the year. Half of the total taxes of the county go to support the public schools, besides which they get several thousand dollars for the State school fund. The City of Osborne maintains a splendid high school, where a thorough academic course fits young men and young ladies for college. It employs eight teachers; last year a handsome brick edifice was completed at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars. The school is also patronized by pupils from adjoining counties. The county

normal institute holds an annual four weeks' session, and calls forth an attendance of some one hundred and fifty teachers.

The following denominations have church edifices: Baptist, three; Congregational, five; Friends, two; Lutheran, one; Methodist Episcopal, seven; Presbyterian, four; Catholics, one; besides which the Christian, Episcopal, and Free Methodist hold service. There are as high as eighty-two Sunday schools in operation in the county.

The water power in the county is very large and has been brought into use by the mills at Osborne, Downs, and Alton. The future farm house of Osborne County will be a substantial structure of cream-colored stone, as this material is found in great abundance; many of the business blocks in the towns are built of it. The stone, when taken from the quarry, can be sawn like hard wood, but, on exposure, becomes very hard and durable.

The county has a very small bonded debt, never having voted a dollar for railroads. The average tax rate is less than a dollar per hundred of the actual value. The delinquent tax-list is much smaller than that of the adjoining counties.

Osborne supports three newspapers, *Journal, Farmer and News*, with well-equipped offices; it has four banks, one State and two national; its business houses are substantially constructed; it has many beautiful residences, surrounded by bluegrass lawns and inviting shades; its fine church edifices would be a credit to any town twice its size; it has miles of sidewalks along well-shaded streets; it has a public library of several hundred volumes of standard and popular literature. A permanent water power is among its guarantys of future prosperity.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OSBORNE.

The State Bank of Osborne.—The loaning of money, with the taking of interest, is a custom which dates from the earliest antiquity. The State Bank of New Ilum, in the second century before Christ, borrowed money for the State, and paid for its use ten per cent. Banking became corrupt and fell into disuse, but reappeared in Italy upon the revival of civilization. A prominent bank in this State is the State Bank of Osborne, incorporated in 1887, with a capital of \$50,000, which has since been increased to \$75,000, fully paid. A general banking business is transacted, prompt attention being given to collections, negotiators of first-lien city and farm mortgages. The president, Mr. R. R. Hays, was born in Pittsburg, Pa. Having occupied several positions of trust, he is now Senator for the 35th District. The vice president is Truman Carter; the cashier, Chas. E. Carter. J. J. Hays, assistant cashier, was born in Newburg, N. Y. He has been three years in the bank; formerly was in the hardware business here, and in the post office, and in the Government Land Office at Kirwin. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., having served in the 2nd Nebraska Cav. Mr. Hays is chief

officer of the following Masonic lodges here: W. M. Saqui Lodge, No. 160, A. F. & A. M.; H. P. Osborne Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.; C. C. Doric Council, No. 5, R. S. and E. M.; W. P. Osborne Chapter, No. 41, O. E. S. This bank conduces to furthering the interests of the city and its general mercantile welfare, increasing every year its sphere of usefulness, as well as augmenting its resources.

Walrond, Mitchell & Heren, Attorneys and Counselors at Law.—This firm is the most successful and best known in this part of Kansas. It has been four years since Cyrus Heren made up his mind that the firm of Walrond & Mitchell were the partners he wanted, and the combination has been successful beyond expectation. The firm occupy four very handsome rooms for offices, two of which are set apart for private consultation rooms, affording facilities for the very important special branch of practice for which this firm have an enviable reputation, namely, counseling. Mr. W. has resided here eighteen years, and is the oldest settler in Osborne County. He has been recently appointed United States District Attorney for Indian Territory, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He was born in Kentucky, and is a member of the Masonic order. Mr. Mitchell is also a native of the "Blue Grass" State, and was admitted to the bar in Kentucky in 1875; is also a Mason. Mr. H. is a native of Missouri, graduated in the Savannah public schools in 1873, when he began reading law with his father, at Savannah, Mo., he being judge of that circuit. He was admitted to practice in 1875, and has recently been elected Judge of the Fifteenth District of Kansas. The firm also negotiates farm loans, transact insurance business and procure abstracts of title to real estate. Mr. Mitchell will continue the business with a new associate.

F. Yoxall, Post Office Building; Books, Jewelry, Etc.—To the rapid growth of Osborne in the last few years, and in the development of her material prosperity, her mercantile houses have largely contributed. Among these the house of Mr. F. Yoxall has taken a leading part, and its trade is a large item in the aggregate of business transacted here. He was established in 1871. The premises occupied by him in the post office building are 22x75 feet in extent. He sells books, stationery and jewelry, his stock being well-chosen. Mr. Yoxall was born in England, and came to this country in '67. He is an A. O. U. W. He was formerly for a time here, in the lumber business, after which he was in painting and paper-hanging in Wisconsin. Mr. Yoxall is thoroughly posted in the requirements of the trade. He is well known by every one in the city; is genial and consequently popular.

Eno & Wright, Agricultural Implements.—Throughout Kansas, during its rapid rise, have been founded several large firms in the farm implement line, and as one of the substantial we must note, in connection with Osborne, the prosperous house of Eno & Wright. The firm, as it now exists, dates back to the 1st of January, '89, when Messrs. C. G. Eno and G. E. Wright formed this partnership, which has pro-

pitiously pursued the even tenor of its way, and gone on most harmoniously and prosperously. They occupy spacious premises, 50x60 feet, containing everything usually found in a first-class agricultural implement store: mowers, reapers, binders, threshers, engines, etc.; smaller farm tools; also farm wagons, buggies and other light carriages. They are agents for the unrivaled Rock Island Clipper Plows. Messrs. E. & W. are eminently suited to carry on their affairs with success, combining, as they do, more than their share of business tact, shrewdness, and perseverance. They are natives of Connecticut and Indiana, respectively, and for nine years identified with the business. The first was thirteen years in dry goods in Cawker City. Farmers and the trade will find it greatly to their interests to make a factor of this house, and will obtain such marked advantages here as can with difficulty be duplicated elsewhere.

McGuire House.—The City of Osborne is to be congratulated upon the existence in its midst of the magnificent hotel, the McGuire House, which was established by the present proprietor, Mr. John McGuire, in March, 1886. It has, however, been in existence altogether ten years. The hotel is a conspicuous three-story building. A large outlay in its erection, in adapting the heating, ventilating and plumbing system to the requirements of the most recent dicta of science, has warranted its guests that nothing is to fear from sewer gas or foul air. The dining-hall is commodious, and capable of seating forty persons. The sleeping apartments are twenty-two in all. The *cuisine* is not surpassed. Mr. McGuire is a native of New York State, and is a well-known man in Kansas, having formerly farmed with success for nine years in this State. He received a liberal education in Illinois. He is an I. O. O. F. and an A. O. U. W. He served in the army three months with gallantry during the late Civil War in the 11th Illinois Inf., and in the 8th Wisconsin one year.

David Ward, Register of Deeds.—Is a native of New Jersey; during a large part of his life has resided in New York. He came West in January, 1867, and was elected register of deeds of Osborne County in January, 1888. He has filled this office with entire satisfaction to the people. He is an A. O. U. W., and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the 23rd New York Volunteers. He was formerly in the grocery business here, prior to which he railroaded. Mr. Ward is held in the highest estimation in social and commercial circles for his kind and courteous manners, while the success obtained by him in life is due to his energy and perseverance.

Mattie Morris, Superintendent Public Instruction.—Was appointed to this office in January, '89. A native of Iowa, she taught ten years in Kansas. By general acknowledgment she is looked upon as possessing superior attainments and accomplishments; by conducting the affairs of her office on strict business principles, the success crowning her efforts is but a natural result. She is a prominent factor in the interests of this growing community, where she has long

exercised a wholesome influence in the maintenance and promotion of the special interests in which she is engaged.

D. G. Robertson, Clerk of the District Court.—The popular clerk of the district court was elected in the fall of 1888. He is one of the oldest settlers in the West, having lived in Kansas twenty years. He is a self-made man, having earned his way by working on the college farm at Manhattan, Kas., and graduating from there in 1886, after which he was known as the successful principal of the Downs high school. When elected he had the largest majority of anyone on the republican ticket. He is a Mason and an I. O. O. F. No one more generally takes an active interest in the furtherance of Osborne's welfare than Mr. Robertson. From the time he was elected he has filled out his time with full satisfaction to the public and the officary.

H. F. Hillebrandt, Attorney and Loan Agent.—Mr. H. F. Hillebrandt, attorney at law and notary public, during the six years that he has practiced his profession in the community, has won the confidence of the citizens. He has been justice of the peace for five years. He has established a large clientage both among the English speaking inhabitants, and the Germans with whom he consults in their native language. Mr. Hillebrandt has been practicing law for ten years and has proven himself competent for any legal business intrusted to his care. His natural capacity for business has also induced his friends to engage his services in real estate and the making of loans. He is social in his instincts and is a member of both the G. A. R. and the A. O. U. W.

Henry Hatfield, Meats.—This house is one of the most successful in its line, and for seven years has enjoyed a reputation consistent with its trade. Mr. Hatfield came here from Ohio, and before settling here was located in the East, where he for many years was favorably known in the business. He sells meats, fresh and salt, and manufactures sausages. His stock constantly on hand is excellent, and is not excelled in this section. His business premises measure 20x30 feet, and are arranged with every convenience. He well deserves the reputation he has gained as a leader in his line of business. Prompt and reliable in every particular, he has won the esteem of all.

I. Grecian, County Clerk.—A name identified with the material welfare and social happiness of Osborne County is that of I. Grecian, the county clerk. He is a native of Indiana, where he was raised, and imbibed those solid principles of love of work and sterling integrity which have through life distinguished him. He farmed many years after coming to Kansas, and used to ship grain and stock from Alton, in this State. He was elected clerk here in the fall of 1887, and took the office in January following. He employs a competent corps of clerks, and runs his office in a first-class manner, most satisfactorily to the bench, bar and people.

F. P. Wells, Harness, Etc.—Among the active houses in Osborne none are more worthy of favorable mention than that of Mr. F. P.

Wells, who was established in 1879. The premises occupied are 16x40 feet. Two hands are employed. Mr. Wells deals in harness, saddles, shoe findings, etc., all stock being most moderate in price. Mr. Wells was born in New York State. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a K. P., and formerly clerked in the drug business in Illinois, Colorado and Iowa. He is always to be found at his pleasantly located place of business, conducting his affairs in a manner that is a credit to the trade.

Evans Bros.—Messrs. Evans Bros. started operations in November, 1885, and have since done a flourishing business in loaning, real estate, abstracting, law and collection. In the last three years they have loaned more money than any firm in Osborne County. They represent leading insurance companies. They buy, sell and exchange lands in any part of the United States, and deal in Kansas bonds and other securities. The Evans Brothers are natives of Iowa. W. E. graduated from the Iowa College in 1875; he was superintendent of public schools at Creston, Iowa; he is an attorney at law; he belongs to the Legion of Honor. F. E. graduated from the Newton High School, Iowa, 1880; he is an abstractor and notary public; he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Those who consult this firm will receive substantial advantages.

J. W. Vanscyoc, Groceries and Provisions.—One of the straightforward men in the grocery and provision line in this section is J. W. Vanscyoc, of Osborne. Inheriting those sterling principles common to the sons of his native State, Pennsylvania, he came West in 1876, and for years conducted a large trade in general merchandising; for the last two years he has been exclusively in groceries and provisions. He has a spacious store on the main street, 60 feet deep, and packed to overflowing with groceries, provisions, flour, feed, etc. This liberal and exact methods have made him regarded as worthy of the utmost confidence, a confidence he has never abused. He is an Odd Fellow, a public spirited and useful citizen.

Morton & Parsons, General Merchandise.—This firm was established in 1883. Their commodious premises are 25x75 feet, two stories and basement. Five hands are employed. The stock is the outcome of the most careful selection, and is offered at reasonable prices. Mr. Morton was born in Illinois, has been in the business here since 1881, previous to which he bought grain for two years; he is a Mason and was mayor of Osborne two terms. Before settling in Kansas he farmed and taught school. Mr. Parsons, born in Wisconsin; he is an A. O. U. W., is clerk of the school board; formerly farmed; also taught school in Illinois nine years and in Nebraska.

Lipton House.—The well-known "Lipton House" is a handsome specimen of architecture, and is fitted in the most complete manner. It was established in 1879, and consists of a fine, three-storied, frame structure, with basement. Six to twelve hands are employed. There are twenty-seven well-furnished bed-rooms. The

seating capacity of the dining-hall is thirty. The kitchen has all the newest improvements known. With a wide hall and attractive entrances, occupying a corner, (the hotel is located at the corner of Penn and Arch Streets), it is thoroughly ventilated, and has delightful views from all the rooms. The parlors are superbly furnished, the sample-rooms are first class, and transient custom is a specialty. Mr. W. F. Lipton, the proprietor, was born in Center County, Pa., and has had eighteen years' experience in the hotel business, eight of these in his native State. His fine business abilities cannot but maintain the already high reputation of the house constantly on the up grade.

Union Meat Market, Amoores & Barnett, Proprietors.—One of the most completely equipped establishments in this city is that known as the Union Meat Market, established in September, 1888. The premises are 24x30 feet. Fresh and salt meats are sold here, and the finest sausages are manufactured. This house has justly gained a name for the purity and freshness of its meats. The able proprietors, Messrs. Amoores & Barnett, are natives of England, and are thorough experts at the business. Mr. Barnett has a large farm near town, where he raises large numbers of hogs and cattle, and it is thus these gentlemen are enabled to kill their own stock and to guarantee it to their numerous patrons. They represent that class of men whose sturdy integrity and thrift have marked them in this, the country of their adoption.

E. J. Botkin, Dentist.—Dr. Botkin has been a resident of Osborne upwards of sixteen years, and has ever taken a leading part in the community's advancement. He has acquired considerable fortune, and owns an elegant farm near town. Three days a week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—he is to be found at his office; balance at the farm. He attends to all branches of dentistry, including gold plate and filling; he guarantees all his work and has the custom of the best families; he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and by his courteous manner has won public favor.

W. H. C. Riley, Livery and Sale Stable.—This is one of the finest livery in the West, and was established 29th of February 1888.

The stable is 50x100 feet, the stalls being clean and neat. Four hands are being employed, and from sixteen to twenty head of horses are always on hand with a number of carriages, buggies, etc., making superior turn-outs. He does a flourishing business, and also sells horses and mules on commission. Mr. Riley was born in Ohio, and was in railroading five years. His courteous manners have gained for him the estimation of the people, and his own energy has made his success.

D. J. Rice & Son, Blacksmiths, Horse Shoeing.—Constitute the most reliable firm in their line in the county. Mr. Rice, senior, gives to the firm a lifetime's experience; he was born in Pennsylvania, is an I. O. O. F., G. A. R.; he served in the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't; also in the 153d, and was promoted for meritorious service to first lieutenant in the 203d. The junior is an enterprising assistant and versed in his trade. They are agents for the Buckeye mowers and binders; they have also carriage works in connection, and occupy a building 40x60 feet in size.

J. A. Hubbell, Merchant Tailor.—Opened business here in 1884. He was reared in tailoring in his native State, New York, in one of its best establishments, his experience dating back to 1844. He makes custom suits to order from Boston and other cities. He is a Freemason. He can be relied upon to make superior garments at reasonable prices.

W. B. Bowen & Son, City Livery, Sale and Feed Stable.—This stable is well worthy of mention in a review of Osborne. It was established in 1880. The main stables measure 40x60 feet, the second stables 30x40 feet, and the addition 33x28. Two hands are employed, and fifteen head of horses are constantly on hand. The establishment possesses all requisite facilities for the advantageous conduct of the business. First-class single or double conveyances are furnished for business or pleasure driving, while great care is given to private teams. Their trade represents the most desirable custom. Mr. W. B. Bowen, Sr., was born in Ohio. He is a Mason. Formerly he railroaded, farmed, and was a lumber man for seven years. His son, Mr. W. B. Bowen, Jr., was born in New York. He is an I. O. O. F., and has always been in the business.

DOWNES.

Downes, a city of ten years of age, with a bright prospect for the future.

Downes is located in the northeast corner of Osborne County, at a distance of twelve miles from the county seat, and about thirty miles from a railroad or trading point north or south direction, and is surrounded by the extensive valley of the North and South Solomon, as well as the rich and fertile valleys of Twin, Carr, Oak and Twelve-Mile creeks, which furnish a grazing and producing country unsurpassed in the great State of Kansas.

Downes, a city of one thousand five hundred population, is situated on the bank of the Solomon River, gradually rising from the river to a height of about fifty feet, three-fourths of a mile to the north, giving sufficient fall for sewerage, while the residence locations, gradually rising as they do, afford a most beautiful view of miles and miles of the fertile valley. The homes of Downes are already showing the elegance and comfort of older towns, while the green lawns and thrifty shade trees entitle it to its record as the "Gem City of the Valley," and

are a living tribute to the taste of the people, with the assistance of a bountiful land and climate.

Downs at the present time supports four hardware stores, eight general merchandise stores, four exclusive grocery stores, three drug stores, one furniture store, one jewelry store, one dentist, four livery stables, three hotels, three restaurants, one harness shop, three lumber and coal yards, two extensive brick yards, one wind mill and pump dealer, two tailors, one music store, two barber shops, two job printing offices, two bakeries, three grain elevators, three stock dealers and two banks—The First National, organized 1886, with a capital of \$50,000, and the Bank of Downs, with the same capital.

One of the most important aids to the prosperity of this city has been its railroad interests. It is the first passenger and second freight division west of Atchison, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It is also the headquarters of the South Solomon branch of the Missouri Pacific. The company has over eight miles of sidetrack within the city limits. They have here an eight stall round-house, and machine and repair shops, and all repairing for the locomotives and car department for the division is done here, and a large force of men are constantly employed.

A thirty thousand dollar system of water works and a fifteen thousand dollar opera house are two of the latest improvements to the city.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF DOWNS.

First National Bank.—The City of Downs ought to be proud of the First National Bank, which commenced business in 1886; capital, \$50,000; surplus, \$7,000. Their building consists of a handsome two-story brick structure, in which the main office is a model of neatness. The president, Jno. Hall, was born in New York, and is a Mason. He has been a banker twenty-five years, and is connected with the management of twelve other banks in Kansas, and several national banks in New York State. He is president of the Guarantee Loan and Trust Company, of Kansas City, Mo. The vice president, G. H. Skinner, was born in Ohio; is a Mason, Odd Fellow and K. of P. The enterprising cashier, C. J. Sargent, was born in New York, and is a Mason and K. of P.

Armstrong & McNamee, Real Estate, Loan, Insurance Agents.—One of the strongest firms in Kansas is that of Armstrong & McNamee. They carry the largest list of real estate in this section of the country, embracing the finest farms and city properties. To parties contemplating investments in this vicinity, we say this is the best firm with which to deal. They are also brokers for the purchase of all kinds of stocks and bonds, and offer the best medium for the placing of local and state securities upon the market. They represent some of the strongest loaning companies of the East, and can place loans and secure their payment in the shortest possible time. As insurance agents

they represent the Niagara Fire Insurance Company and others equally reliable. They also own a large and well-stocked boot and shoe store in this city, and handle all kinds of stocks of goods. Their extensive business has made them known throughout the State as trustworthy in all their dealings.

W. D. Mullin, Dentist.—In no other branch of business has there been such an extraordinary improvement than in that of the manufacture of dental instruments, making operating now comparatively painless. Dr. Mullin is well supplied with the most modern appliances and inventions; his parlors are a model of convenience, and all work is executed by him with ease and rapidity. He has offices permanently at Downs, Cawker City and Osborne, at each of which he has an extensive practice.

Jackson & Bros., Flour, Feed and Grain.—Among the many industries of Downs which deserve special mention is the flouring-mill of



Messrs. Jackson & Brothers. The building is four stories, with stone basement, and has a capacity of one hundred barrels per day. Choice and extra family flour is manufactured here, and the brands are known throughout the State as among the very best in the market. A. Jackson has had twenty-five years' experience in milling. A force of competent men is employed, and a large stock of feed is constantly on hand. The Jackson brothers were born in Ohio, and are members of the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R.; J. W. is also a Mason, and served in the 89th Indiana Inf., while his brother, A., was in the 39th. J. W. formerly farmed in Iowa.

E. P. Craney & Co., Dealers in Lumber and Coal, Sash, Doors and Blinds.—This firm has been established here since the spring of 1884, and has been having a rapidly increasing patronage from the beginning. The yards have every facility for handling an extensive stock. Their lumber consists principally of white and yellow pine of all grades. E. P. Craney is the efficient post master of this city, and is a native of Wisconsin; he is a member of the Masons. He was formerly in the mercantile business at this place. Y. B. Craney was also engaged in the mercantile business here, prior to which he had been an engineer; he is also a Mason. The popularity of these gentlemen at the time their pres-

ent firm was organized was convincing evidence that they were assured a large and growing trade, which assurance has been fully maintained.

Dr. J. G. Poole, Dealer in Drugs and Medicines.—There is nothing that is more conducive to the health and welfare of citizens than pure and unadulterated medicines, such as we find at the store of J. G. Poole, of this city. The Doctor has had a number of years' experience, and had thoroughly qualified himself for the profession before undertaking it. He took a course of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Iowa, and also studied with the renowned Dr. W. F. Dallas, of this State. The building for his stock of drugs and medicines is 20x50 feet, with an addition in the rear. The Doctor located here in 1882. He is a native of Illinois, and a member of the Masonic order, and also of the K. of P.

The Howell House, J. H. Lipton, Proprietor.—The hotel of Downs is the popular Howell House, kept by that paragon of hotel men, J. H. Lipton. It has been running now six years. It is a three-story frame building, with slate roof, and has every convenience for its numerous guests, which includes the commercial trade, for whom large sample-rooms are provided. The house contains thirty airy bedrooms. The spacious dining-room can seat one hundred guests, the table being supplied with the best the market affords. The proprietor has spared neither trouble or expense to make his house one of the best in the country. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and during the late war fought in the 45th Pennsylvania Reg't. At the close he entered the mercantile business, after which he was six years county clerk. He has been in hotel business twenty years, and his well-directed efforts for his guests' interests are substantially appreciated.

J. B. Kroetch, Hardware and Stoves.—Among those who have acquired prominence in business circles, we mention the name of J. B. Kroetch. His commodious store-room is 20x60 feet, and is well stocked with everything a first-class firm usually carries. He was formerly engaged in the banking and lumber business in this city, and in that capacity thoroughly convinced the public of his ability as a man to carry on business beneficial to those with whom he deals. He has a large corps of competent clerks, and his stock is selected with a view to the wants of the people.

C. D. Brown, The Grocer.—Located here in April last, and occupies a two-story frame structure, 20x50 feet. His stock consists of canned fruits, vegetables, sugars, coffees, spices, teas, candies, nuts, flour, etc. He is a native of Michigan, and formerly was in livery at Cawker City. He is a Mason.

Oliver F. Shearer, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, North Morgan Avenue.—Is a gentleman of intellectual attainments, which are the result of many years of hard mental labor. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and graduated at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1883; practiced there two years, and came to

Kansas in 1885, both as a physician and surgeon, has he been successful, his extensive practice being conclusive evidence thereof. He is an active member of the A. O. U. W., and exerts his influence for others' happiness.

The Downs "Globe."—Is notable among the literary productions of this section. Ben T. Baker, its owner, has had long experience in newspaper business, enabling him to issue a neat, interesting sheet. It is the official Republican, and official county paper. Its large and increasing circulation bespeaks it a prominent position in journalistic life. Mr. Baker is a native of Washington County, Iowa, and a member of the K. of P., and conducts his affairs with rare talent and business ability.

Carney Bros., Dealers in Confectionery, Stationery, Books and Periodicals; Cigars, Tobaccos, Fruits in Season.—Although established but one year this house is having a good trade. The building occupied is a two-story brick, 24x30 feet. Their stock embraces cigars, tobacco, fruits in their season, confectionery, stationery, books, periodicals, writing material and blanks for wedding invitations, etc. Both members of this firm are natives of this State, and came from Beloit here. S. W. Carney is member of the K. P.

C. S. Dittman, Merchant Tailor.—There is nothing adds more to the appearance than well-fitting garments. A gentleman who has enjoyed a high reputation since he started in 1887 is C. S. Dittman, in this line. He occupies the second floor of a spacious brick building, where he is ably assisted by a skilled workman. Mr. Dittman is a native of Germany, and came to the United States in 1881, and has been tailoring since 1874. He is a member of the K. of P., and is the fashionable tailor of Downs.

Geo. W. Magee, Depot Lunch Room.—Among the many places that attract the traveling public is the popular Depot Lunch Room of George W. Magee. The building is a commodious structure, 25x50, in addition to which he has several desirable rooms for lodging. His large patronage allows no stale goods to accumulate on his hands, and his large corps of assistants enables him to serve lunch on the shortest notice. He is a native of New York City, and is a member of the Masonic order and the I. O. O. F. Formerly he was in the employ of the Pacific Express Company, four years at St. Louis and three years at Chicago.

Downs Elevator Company.—Was established in 1886, and has been doing a prosperous business ever since. W. A. Hopper, from New York, is its manager. He is known throughout this section of country, where he owns a large farm. The company deals in grain, coal and stock, and under Mr. Hopper's control has been satisfactorily managed.

W. M. Porter, Pacific Express Company's Agent.—An intelligently conducted enterprise in Downs is the Pacific Express Company, over which Mr. W. M. Porter has been manager since April, '89. He is also favorably known as the courteous Mo. Pac. passenger and freight ticket agent. Mr. Porter was born in Wisconsin, and

has had sixteen years' experience in the express business. He is a member of the Railway Station Association. The great success of the business with which he is intrusted is entirely to be laid to his account.

S. L. Chase, The Downs Meat Market.—Mr. Chase has been doing business here five years, and has lived twenty years here. He occupies a building 20x40 feet, and has it always filled with the choicest of pork, beef, veal, mutton, chickens, sausages, bologna, dried beef, etc. His sugar-cured meats are unexcelled. Mr. Chase was born in Maine, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. Before opening up his present occupation he was engaged in dealing in horses and plastering houses.

The Downs "Chief."—Is ably edited by W. H. Whitmore, who has been engaged in journalistic work for over thirteen years, and his publication is Democratic in its principles. Its editorial columns abound with the leading thoughts of the day. It has a circulation of over six hundred. Mr. Whitmore is a native of New York, and has the ability to place himself in high esteem in social circles.

W. H. Huff, Livery, Feed and Sale.—During three years' establishment this stable has won a large and influential trade. Every attention

is given to private teams. Fourteen head of horses are kept for livery, there being 27 stalls in all, affording ample rooms for boarders. Mr. Huff is a native of Virginia, and was formerly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a courteous and reliable gentleman in all his dealings.

H. D. Washburn, Blacksmith and Carriage Maker; also Dealer in Farm Implements, Wagons, Pumps, Etc.—All work from this gentleman's skilled hand are models of beauty and neatness. Mr. Washburn has been in the business all his life, and has been established here seven years, since which time his affairs have increased till he now occupies a two-story stone building, (built at his own expense,) 26x80 feet, and carries a large and complete stock of farm implements, wagons, pumps, etc. He is a representative Vermonter, and has built himself up by labor and perseverance.

Larkin Bros., General Merchandise; Opera House Block.—This house was first established in 1887, as D. Larkin & Son, who, in March, 1889, were succeeded by the present firm. Both brothers were born in this State, and were formerly in the cattle industry; one is an I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. The building they occupy is 25x80, filled with a large assortment of every variety of merchandise. The thriving trade they have built up, is evidence of their ability and wish to please.

ALTON.



RESIDENCE OF MR E. M. BEAL, ALTON.

ALTON is situated in the northwest part of Osborne County, in the far-famed Solomon Valley. The city is laid out in a beautiful bend on the north side of the river. This location was selected in 1870, by Gen. H. C. Bull, of Wisconsin, and Lyman T. Earl, of Michigan, and was named Bull City. General Bull and two companions

were killed in '79, by a pet elk, Bull being at the time a member of the Kansas Legislature. In '85 the town was incorporated as a city of the third class, and the name changed to Alton, and at the present time has a population of seven hundred. All branches of business are well represented, there being two banks representing a capital of

\$100,000, three general stores, two boot and shoe stores, one grocery store, two hotels, two restaurants, three livery barns, one lumber yard, one harness shop, one newspaper, one barber shop and one good roller-mill, two meat markets. Alton has a splendid school building, fifty-four feet square, two stories high, built of magnesian limestone, purchased within one-half mile of town. The churches are represented by the Methodists and Congregationalists, both of which have elegant church edifices. The South Solomon Branch of the Central Branch of the Mo. Pac. R. R. runs through the town, having the finest depot at this place of any station west of Atchison. Alton is sixteen miles west of Osborne, the county seat. To Gaylord, on the north, is eighteen miles. It is also twenty miles to Stockton, on the west, and twenty-four miles south, to Natoma, the nearest point on the Salina & Western Railroad. In consequence of having such a territory tributary, Alton has long been noted as one of the most important trading and shipping points of Northwest Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ALTON.

Beal & Taylor, General Merchandise.—The best equipped general merchandise house in this city is that of Messrs. Beal & Taylor,



established nine years. The premises consist of a stone structure, the most imposing in town, 50x60 feet, which they built and own. Two hands are employed all the time. Messrs. E. M. Beal and J. B. Taylor were born in New York, the former being a Mason, and the latter a Mason and a K. of P. They have always managed their business on principles so liberal and straightforward as to have secured a consideration as well merited as it is rarely acquired. They own twelve hundred acres of the finest farming land in Kansas.

The Alton City Bank.—One of the best conducted private banking houses in the West is that of J. R. Loomis & Co., known as the Alton City Bank, established in May, 1882. The capital is \$30,000, and the confidence which is felt in this bank is shown by the yearly increasing business transacted. A general banking business is done; real estate loans and insurance

a specialty. Mr. Loomis was born in Illinois, and is a prominent Mason. He was well known as the pioneer railroad station agent for the C. B. U. P. He has been in Kansas twenty-two years. Wm. Rosegrant was born in Virginia, but lived for many years in Ohio. He belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the Civil War as captain of the 32nd Ohio Inf.

Farmers' State Bank.—This bank is one of the most influential in Kansas. It was organized in May, 1887, on a capital of \$50,000, and has steadily enjoyed a prosperous business. The president, T. M. Walker, was born in Kentucky, and is an I. O. O. F. The vice president, W. H. Bryning, is a native of Kansas. The trustworthy cashier, Geo. Lawton, has been with the bank since it started; he is a native of New York, and an Odd Fellow. The bank's executive is a guaranty of its future prosperity, solidity and integrity.

State Bank of Alton.—Was organized in May, 1886. The capital (paid up) is \$34,000; authorized capital, \$50,000, and surplus \$6,162. The president is Evert Grover, born in Jamestown, N. Y. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen and is an A. O. U. W. Vice president, D. K. Gise, born in Pennsylvania. Cashier, F. C. Search, also born in Pennsylvania, and reared in Joliet, Ill. The institution is one of which every citizen is justly proud.

Israel Moore & Sons, Attorneys.—A thoroughly representative firm in Alton is that of Israel Moore & Sons, established 14th of March, 1889. They practice law with eminent success, and are sought for in this section for sound legal advice. They are natives of Illinois, Mr. Israel M. being an A. O. U. W., and belonging to the G. A. R., having fought in the 16th Illinois Inf. He is notary public. These gentlemen are owners of the Republican journal of Alton. It has a circulation, per week, of six hundred, and is one of the most readable, news-bearing sheets in Kansas. They also represent four of the leading insurance companies of the country.

H. B. Leach, Druggist.—This the drug store of the city occupies handsome stone premises, consisting of a main building, 24x65, and a rear part, 24x40. They are equipped with every convenience for business. Mr. L. was born in New York; was long in Pennsylvania in hotel and livery. He served bravely in the 1st New York Mounted Rifles, commanded by Chas. C. Dodge. His connection with G. A. R. commenced August 20th, 1880, when he with others organized J. C. Conser Post, 192. He and Capt. T. C. Reynolds cast lots to determine which should be commander; Reynolds won, and he was elected senior vice commander; served as such a short term; was then re-elected for full term; then was elected commander; served full term; then officer of the day; next year was appointed *ad-dc-camp* on department commander's staff for Pennsylvania; next year was appointed assistant inspector general at large for District

of Pennsylvania, by inspector general; next, was elected by his post to the office of post quartermaster; served as such one and one-half years, until he left the State, and on reaching Alton, Kas., connected himself, in August of '87, with Gen. Bull Post, 106, and, in December, '87, was elected commander; served full term.

J. M. Stehley, Groceries, Queensware and Notions.—Mr. Stehley started in October, '89, and does a flourishing business in staple and fancy groceries, queensware and notions. The store is 20x35 feet. He was born in Pennsylvania. He formerly clerked for ten years in Hays City. He is deservedly popular, enjoying the patronage of the best known residents of city and country.

Franks & Endsley, Harness.—A noteworthy establishment is that of Jake Franks, established in June, 1889. The store measures 18x22 feet. He deals in heavy and light harness, saddles, whips, collars, pads, halters, bridles, fly-nets, lap-ropes, oils, etc. He was born in Ohio, and is an A. O. U. W. He is the only stock dealer

in town. Mr. Endsley, his partner, has been in this house four years, and was born in Missouri, and is an I. O. O. F. They offer special advantages to customers, and execute all orders in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Geo. Hockenull, Hardware and Implements.—Has been many years a resident here. Started his present store in 1889, having been formerly in milling. His main store is 30x60; implement house, sixty feet long. He carries a full stock of hardware and implements, garden and farming tools. He was born in Wisconsin, and employs two clerks.

Wm. Stephenson, Boots and Shoes.—

This gentleman is a native of Canada, having migrated to the United States twenty-six years ago. His is the only shoe store here. He is an expert manufacturer of boots and shoes, having had a lifelong experience in the business. Mr. Stephenson is a Mason.

STOCKTON.



STOCKTON ACADEMY.

STOCKTON, the county seat of Rooks County, has a population of 2,000, and is one of the most prosperous towns in Northwest Kansas, and, in point of progressiveness, the leading one. It is located in the broad and fertile valley of the South

Solomon River, near the center of the county and about fifty miles northwest of the center of the State. Its location, as regards both beauty and healthfulness, is of the best. Situated in a beautiful valley formed by gently-sloping hills,

which from the north and east gradually incline westward to the level of the river, forming natural drainage, yet without danger from river overflows. To the north the hill is so gradually inclined as to make beautiful residence sites at all points, while to the south the land is level.

The country immediately around Stockton is somewhat rough and broken, and at first sight may not favorably impress a stranger, but a short drive soon changes this feeling to one of delight, as he gazes from a summit out upon a seemingly limitless area of beautiful rolling prairie, crossed in all directions by the finest of roads, approaching Stockton, over which the heaviest loads can be hauled with ease.

Stockton is beautifully laid out in regular squares, with wide streets and alleys, affording an abundance of room for buildings, sidewalks, and shade trees. At a cost of \$20,000 the principal streets of the city have been macadamized with magnesian limestone.

Along the river, in the western part of town, is a beautiful grove containing forty acres of walnut, elm, hackberry and cottonwood, which during the summer is used as a promenade and picnic grounds, a luxury boasted of by very few western towns.

Stockton was incorporated in 1880, but was comparatively unknown until within the past five years, during which time its growth has been phenomenal. During the last three years improvements amounting to nearly \$250,000 have been made. In the list is included the finest system of

WATER WORKS

west of the Missouri River. The system comprises an elegant brick pumping station, over four miles of street mains and twenty-five fire hydrants. The water, taken from wells, is excellent, and is furnished in abundance, pressure being given by a 100-foot stand pipe, located on the hill in the northeast part of town.

ALSO AN ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

of the very best, making our streets, stores, public buildings, etc., as light as day. Located on the hill in the north part of town, and a magnificent landmark, stands

THE ACADEMY,

which is now completed at a cost of \$35,000. It is under the control of the Congregational Association of Northwest Kansas. The building is of brick and stone, four stories high, and will furnish academic education to all persons at a nominal cost. The enrollment of students averages nearly one hundred, and the school is presided over by the most competent of instructors.

THE PEOPLE

are mainly from Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, while nearly every State has representatives. The proportion of foreign-born persons is very small. The town is favored with an abundance of

BUILDING MATERIAL,

and the buildings are all of the best. A fine quality of magnesia limestone is easily obtained,

which is readily dressed into any shape, and when laid in mortar makes a durable, as well as beautiful building. Clay suitable for brick making will be one of the prominent industries. Two large brick yards have been in operation for the past two years, and the following structures, in addition to many residences, give evidence of their good work: Water Works; Bank Block, costing \$50,000; Commercial Block, \$25,000; Higgins' Block, \$10,000; Hick's Hotel, \$20,000; Exchange Block, \$15,000; State Bank, \$8,000. Of the prominent stone buildings there are, the court house, school house, opera house, livery barns, three churches, and a number of residences.

BUSINESS.

Stockton is located in the center of a fine farming community, and holds the key to a large volume of business. The county has already a population of thirteen thousand, rapidly increasing, the trade of which, Stockton as the county seat, must to a great degree control. In addition to its mercantile houses, Stockton possesses two flouring mills, creamery, brick yards, grain elevators, etc. There are four churches—Methodist, Congregational, Christian, and Catholic, all of which have fine church buildings. The lodges are, G. A. R., K. of P., I. O. O. F., Masonic, A. O. U. W. There are two newspapers—*The Western News* and *Rooks County Record*, both Republican in politics.

The public schools have an enrollment of over 400 scholars, with seven teachers. A free reading-room is open to the public at all times. A well-disciplined fire department provides ample protection from fires, and insurance rates are very low. Taxes are lower than in a majority of the towns. Water is found in abundance at about thirty feet.

RAILROADS.

At present Stockton is the terminus of the Missouri Pacific Railway, which will, without doubt, be extended through to a Denver connection during the year, thus giving it a through east and west line.

The Union Pacific has been constructed through the county, and several other lines have been projected. The enormous crops of the past season in Rooks County find a ready market at Stockton, furnishing ample business for several grain buyers.

CITY LOTS.

Stockton has 5,000 city lots and about five hundred houses. The price of property is reasonable at present, and lots can be purchased at figures that will prove to be good investment. Lots are held in the main by residents, and not by speculators, so that investments of every kind are perfectly safe. Capitalists who wish to place their money where quick and reliable returns may be had, the poor man desiring a cheap home, or those of moderate means who want to make their homes in an intelligent, industrious community, where they have the best of school and church facilities, should not fail to visit Stockton, the young giant of Northwest Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF STOCKTON.

I. N. Pepper, Real Estate and Loan Broker.—A gentleman who knows much about real estate and real estate values is the above, who established himself in this business something over seven years ago. He has a large and varied list of bargains, which includes property in this and other States. Many important deals are included in his transactions. Of Kansas and Nebraska lands he has: 20,000 acres selected Nebraska lands, on ten years' credit, at seven per cent interest; 200,000 acres of choice prairie land, near railroads, and 300 improved farms in Rooks County, Kas., on ten years' credit, at seven or eight per cent interest. He sells them on eleven years' time, or terms to suit, at seven per cent interest. Mr. Pepper does the largest real estate business in farm land in Northern Kansas. He also does an extensive loan business, and represents several very wealthy Eastern companies, by reason of which he is able to make loans at a very low rate of interest, and in other respects to suit the customer. He was born in Pennsylvania, but has lived in Kansas long enough and knows enough about the State to be entitled to the appellation of an old resident. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and is a live and progressive citizen.

The Exchange Bank.—This flourishing institution was incorporated, November, 1887, its



capital being \$50,000. The premises are eligibly located, and are fitted up in a manner eminently representative of modern elegance and convenience. The president, I. E. Baldwin, was born in Ohio, and formerly was here in general merchandise. The vice president, S. W. Allen, was born in Pennsylvania; came to Kansas in 1878, and has since been engaged in mercantile and banking business. The cashier, Mr. E. J. Williams, was born in New York, and came here from Wisconsin. He is an I. O. O. F. He was formerly a railroad man in Kansas for fourteen years, and was also in the lumber business. This bank, from its inception, has had a prosperous career. The officers are gentlemen prominent and esteemed in commercial circles.

I. L. Betzer, Investment Banker and Broker, under the Exchange Bank.—A most gratifying fact in the developments attending the turn of our financial affairs towards general prosperity, is the increased activity among the bankers and stock brokers. One of the oldest and most reliable investment bankers and brokers in Kansas is Mr. I. L. Betzer. He was established in 1886. He is one of the go-ahead men of the State, and is well known in financial circles, being the possessor of a large capital, which is ample for any demands which may be made upon him. He gives personal attention to all transactions. Correspondence is solicited. His two specialties are collections and farm loans. Mr. Betzer's offices, under the Exchange Bank, consist of very handsome rooms, beautifully furnished, and arranged with all conveniences, including the best fire-proof vault in the city. We would also mention that he owns numerous lots in this town, for sale, of the most eligible character, either for business or residence purposes, as well as one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining Stockton, most suitable for plats. Mr. Betzer was born in Illinois, where he lived for twenty years before residing in Stockton. For thirteen years he was superintendent of schools in Illinois, having graduated from the Illinois State Normal University, in 1881. He received a State diploma from the State Board of Education, which is good for a lifetime.

George N. Mickel, Treasurer of Rooks County.—A competent official, who has been bred to the knowledge of his business, is the subject of this sketch, who was elected October 16th, 1888, and whose administration has thus far proven as successful as that of his father, whom he immediately followed. Mr. Mickel was born at Glencoe, Minn., and emigrated to this State with his parents in his boyhood, so that so far as inclination and education go he is a genuine Kansan. He assumed the duties of his present office by a process of promotion. He gained a knowledge of all the details and duties of the office under the tutelage of his father, whose deputy he was for two successive terms. As a deputy he attracted the attention of the people by reason of his diligence, efficiency and obliging manner, and was elected to succeed his father with scarcely any difficulty. Previous to entering his father's office in the capacity of deputy he was employed a portion of his time as clerk in a law office, and was for a year and a half a student of the State University at Lawrence.

Geo. O. Farr, Clerk of the District Court, Rooks County.—The office of clerk of the district court calls for the exercise of such qualities as good judgment, diligence and carefulness. An official who is possessed of these, and who in his administration has given perfect satisfaction to the representatives of all parties, is the present incumbent, who was elected to the office at the last election. Mr. Farr was born in Buffalo, N. Y., and in his early manhood emigrated to Wisconsin, from which State he enlisted in the army as a member of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Art., Bat. L. He has been a resident of Rooks County for the past nine years, and im-

mediately previous to his election to the office of clerk of the district court was employed as a clerk in a hardware store in this city for four years. Before that time he was engaged in farming in this and other States. Mr. Farr is a member of the Masons, and also of the G. A. R. post of this city.

John Mullin, Probate Judge, Rooks County.—A gentleman who has contributed to make Stockton what it is, is the subject of this brief sketch, who was elected to this office in November of last year. Judge Mullin is a native of New York State, and came west as far as Chicago in 1852, where he resided until four years ago, when he came to this State. Although he had lived in this community but a comparatively short time, he was nominated to this office in the summer of 1889, and in the fall elected with little difficulty. His administration has been characterized by carefulness and a display of a knowledge of the duties which have devolved upon him, which has sustained the good opinion which the people have of him. The judge is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R., having tendered his services during the war as a member of the 13th Illinois Inf. Before removing to Stockton he was engaged in the agricultural implement business at Plainville, Kansas.

H. A. Kenworthy, Register of Deeds.—Mr. Kenworthy has been in office since 1886, and has in every respect proved to be faithful and competent. He was born in Indiana, but came to this State from Iowa ten years ago, where he had previously worked sixteen years at the carpenter's trade. When the war broke out he was living in Iowa and volunteered his services in behalf of the Union as a member of the 4th Iowa Cav., and served throughout the war, participating in some of the most rigorous campaigns. He is a member of the G. A. R. post of this city, and is personally one of the most popular our of citizens.

W. A. Fallas, Attorney.—This excellent gentleman is in the prime of life, and uses his talents a great deal for the public welfare. He was born in New York State; as a stripling served over three years in the army, in the 32d Iowa Inf., and later moved into the West. He was admitted to the bar in Iowa, in 1874, and during his many years' residence in Kansas has made nothing but friends. He was two years county attorney here, being elected by a large majority, notwithstanding his party, the Democratic, is generally in the minority. Mr. Fallas also owns a large ranch and farm near town. He has his office well-located in the Bank Block, where all calling will find him a genial and courteous gentleman, eminently worthy of professional confidence.

M. C. Reville, Attorney at Law.—An attorney who enjoys a wide and varied practice in this part of Kansas is Mr. Reville, who occupies a handsome suite of office rooms, No. 4, Bank Block. Mr. Reville is a native of Delaware, and was educated at St. Mary's College in his native State, where he was graduated with the class of 1868. He came to Kansas a few years later, and

having read law with the late M. B. Wood, was admitted, after four years' study in 1875. In argument Mr. Reville is a forcible and ready speaker, and presents his case in a systematic manner, and when he fails to convince judge or jury, the case is a poor one indeed. He is a member of the Masonic and Good Templar fraternities, and in those movements which look toward public improvement, either morally or materially, he can always be found.

Stockton Academy.—This institution was founded in October, 1887, the new building being occupied September, 1888. The building is a three-story brick, with stone basement, situated on a knoll, commanding a beautiful view of the country. The academy is under the charge of the Northwest Association of Congregational Churches. During the first school year there were ninety-nine pupils; second, 147, and in the third, 160; 65 per cent are from abroad, twelve counties and four States being represented. There are twenty-five roomy bed-rooms. Seven complete courses are taught, the special object being to furnish facilities for the high education of young men and women preparing for the advanced classes in college, and for business. The faculty is as follows: I. F. Mather, principal, history, political science and normal training, Latin and Greek; Mrs. S. A. Mather, grammar and English literature; E. C. McGehee, mathematics and natural sciences; John Mullin, bookkeeping; Agnes Fairfield, music; Mrs. Justus, matron. Tutors: Miss Mamie George, geography; Miss Elta George, physiology; Miss Anna Jones, arithmetic. Mr. I. F. Mather, principal, was born in Ohio, and graduated from Iowa College, Iowa, in 1885. He is eminently and naturally adapted to his responsible position. He is ably assisted in the management by his wife, Mrs. S. A. Mather.

Judge C. W. Smith.—This name lends eminent grace to these pages. Judge Smith is a native of Wisconsin, and was appointed district judge in March, '89. He is one of the oldest settlers in Kansas, and practiced his profession for ten years in this State. He studied law for one and one-half years with W. J. Terrill, of Harrisonville, Mo. He is a graduate of the Law School of Michigan University, and also from the Literary Department of the Kansas State University. He is an I. O. O. F. His name is identified in a most prominent manner with the growth and welfare of Northern Kansas.

C. E. Oatman & Co., Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lime, Hair.—Messrs. Oatman command prominence on account of their extensive operations in building material. They have been established three years here, and have acquired a solid and substantial trade. Their yard is near the depot, and in it at all times will be found a large stock of lumber in all lengths, widths and thicknesses, suitable for flooring, joists, ceiling, supports, fence, sidewalk, etc., cornices, pillars, sash, doors and blinds, lime, imported and Louisville cement, plaster, hair and general builder's supplies; they also supply the local market with hard and soft coal of all kinds and kindling wood. Mr. Oatman, the managing partner of the firm, is one of our most

energetic men. He spent seventeen years of his life in railroading on the C. B. & Q. and C. B. & K. C. Railroads; in the army he served gallantly in the 7th Iowa Inf., Co. D, and is an active G. A. R. man.

Coolbaugh Brothers, Drugs and Stationery.—The name of Coolbaugh is identified with the welfare of Stockton. These two brothers, M. J. and W. E., commenced in drugs and stationery, in February, 1886. They occupy a neat two-story stone building, 25x60 feet, filled to overflowing with drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, perfumery, toilet necessities, fancy stationery, books, etc. Messrs. Coolbaugh are Pennsylvanians by birth; the older is president of the State Bank here, is town treasurer, and also mayor of the city. He is a Mason. W. E. is a member of the K. of P., and, once a farmer, still owns a large landed estate in this county. It is to the enterprise of such men that Stockton owes her rapid growth.

Curtis & Co., General Merchandise.—This house opened in November, '88, with a fine stock, which has been constantly kept up to the mark, and contains dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes, clothing, staple and fancy groceries, china and glassware, etc. Also clocks, watches and jewelry. The store occupies a two-story brick, 22x80 feet, and in day time presents a scene of stir and bustle. Mr. Curtis, who is assisted by his partners, his wife and daughter, is a native of Illinois, and served through the war in Co. C, 3d United States Art. He is a jeweler by trade. The Curtises formerly lived in Nebraska, and during their twelve years' residence in Kansas they have built up quite a competency.

Chicago Lumber Company.—The name of the Chicago Lumber Company is synonymous with substantiality, fine lumber and immense business energy. Their branch at Stockton was opened in 1887, and is under most efficient management. Mr. A. L. Keables is a valuable support to the company. He was many years in hardware and carriage business. He has been in lumber now ten years, and his yard he has well located on the railroad for quick receipt and shipment. It is stored with a large selection of yellow and white pine, maple, hickory, walnut, oak, and all woods used for building and fencing purposes. He sells, considering the superior quality of his material, at lower figures than competitors. Mr. Keables is one of the substantial men in Stockton; he formerly was partner in the grocery firm, Pepper & Keables; he is originally from Connecticut, and possessed of the shrewdness for which the sons of that State are famed; he is a Mason and a G. A. R. man.

State Bank of Stockton.—The State Bank of Stockton was originally started as a private bank, in January, 1885, being incorporated as a State bank in November, 1887. The capital is \$100,000. The bank quarters are commodious and furnished in keeping with the large business done. The president, J. S. O'Donnell, was born in West Virginia; vice president, Jacob Hendricks, born in Ohio;

cashier, M. J. Coolbaugh, Jr., also well known here in the drug business. They are known as gentlemen of sterling financial integrity, who by their management have reared what is a leading city and State bank.

J. W. Callender, Land, Loan, Etc.—This gentleman is a prominent representative of Stockton's enterprising spirit. He has resided eleven years in this State, and was formerly president of the Exchange Bank of this city. He started in his present line in 1889, and at once entered on a large business. He was born in Pennsylvania, is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and has every enjoyed a reputation for straightforward dealing.

S. N. Hawkes, Attorney at Law.—One whose success in the practice of his profession has placed him among the recognized legal lights of this county is S. N. Hawkes, who came to Kansas in 1885, and has since continuously practiced in this city, with the exception of a year and a half that he was at Topeka. Mr. Hawkes is a native of Portland, Me., and graduated from Yale College in the class of '83. After completing his course at the college, he entered the law department of the same institution and graduated in 1885. He has been peculiarly successful in handling important cases, and his reputation as a judge of law is solid. Mr. Hawkes occupies two handsomely furnished rooms for an office, and has built up a very extensive practice. He is a gentleman of scholarly attainments, and gives abundant promise of being heard from in the future.

D. C. Anthony, Groceries.—The grocery business is certainly the most important which concerns the happiness of the community, for it supplies us with the first necessities of life. As one of those who spends his time and gives his best attention to furnishing our tables with the best staples and delicacies of the season, Mr. Anthony calls for prominent mention. He started in here in January, 1888, and, already well known, at once entered on a flourishing trade. It calls for the constant assistance of three energetic clerks, and a wagon for delivering to the large number of families who are regular customers. The store is a substantial, two-story stone, 20x80 feet in extent, and filled with an immense stock of teas, coffees, sugars, spices, canned goods, cheese, butter, flour and farm produce. Mr. Anthony is one of Rooks County's popular men; he farmed, and still has extensive farming interests here; he was sheriff two terms, and is withal a bulwark of our standing, prosperity and happiness.

Dewey & Smith, Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Etc.—This firm, in 1889, succeeded C. H. Dewey, who was established five years ago. The business has assumed metropolitan proportions, the building utilized being 30x100 feet and stocked with a heavy and complete assortment of goods. C. H. Dewey was born in New York, and has lived West many years; he was, before coming to Kansas, in the drug business in Iowa; he is a Mason. J. T. Smith has been in Rooks County over seven years, and for the last four years was county clerk; he also was engaged in

stock raising here and in Colorado, where he was before coming to Kansas. These gentlemen are genial and public spirited, and consequently popular.

J. R. Brobst, Attorney at Law.—Mr. Brobst is one of the successful lawyers of Northwest Kansas, and gives strength to the Stockton bar. He was born in Iowa, received his education at the University at Iowa City, being admitted to practice at Knoxville in 1871. He came to Kansas in 1885, and has since acquired a solid clientage; he is also a notary public, and outside of his profession plays a prominent part for the city's advancement; he is a member of the Masonic order.

loans. He is past grand commander of the G. A. R. post, No. 76, of this city, and has always enjoyed the highest confidence.

Bell's Livery Stable.—These stables were established six years ago, and have succeeded in making a steadfast reputation for furnishing handsome turnouts. Mr. Bell's stables are in every way convenient for giving horses the best of care. Eighteen horses are found equal to all emergencies in the livery line. Mr. Bell is a native of Illinois, and has been a resident of Kansas a number of years. He has had long experience in the livery business, and now has a patronage which is surpassed no where in this section of the State.



A STOCKTON RESIDENCE.

"Rooks County Record."—One of the most competent men connected with newspaper publishing in Kansas is W. L. Chambers, of the *Rooks County Record*. Mr. C. has been in this line all his life. He is a native of Illinois, and at present city post master. The *Record* was founded in 1879, and has always shown itself worthy of respect and consideration. It has 900 circulation, the subscription being placed at the low figure of \$1.50 a year. It is Republican in politics, employs three men under Mr. C. himself, who is an active social light, an I. O. O. F., K. of P., etc.

M. M. Stewart, Dry Goods, Groceries, Etc.—Mr. Stewart, since he opened in 1889, has done a flourishing business in dry goods, clothing, groceries, boots and shoes, etc., experienced help being employed to wait on his many customers. Mr. S. was born in Pennsylvania, and came West in the eventful year of 1857, and when the war broke out, at once volunteered in the 7th Kansas Cav. He was eight and a half years treasurer of Rooks County. He was also two years in the drug business, and in lands and

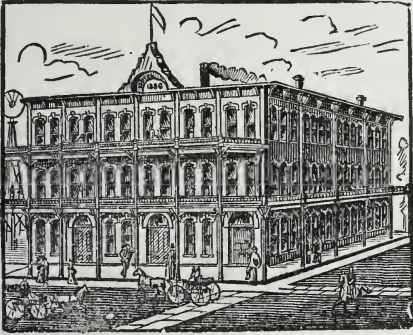
J. B. Graham, Hard and Soft Coal.—This coal yard is a complete concern, conducted on the principles of honesty and fairness. Mr. Graham started three years ago; he carries all kinds of coal and makes a specialty of the celebrated Lexington. He has devoted his attention to a study of the coal business, and knows what kind gives the best satisfaction. Mr. Graham was born in Brown County, Ohio, and on first coming West settled in Illinois. During the war he was of the 129th Illinois Inf., which was a part of President Harrison's old brigade. Before establishing himself here, he farmed in Cherokee County. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

J. W. Moore, Groceries and Queensware.—"The food we eat" is a vitally important question. One of the best appointed grocery houses in this city is that of J. W. Moore, who, on the 1st of June, 1889, succeeded Pepper & Keables. The store is 20x80 feet, three hands being employed. The stock embraces fine and fancy groceries, provisions, canned goods, teas, coffees, etc., and the largest lot of queensware in town.

Mr. Moore was born in Pennsylvania, and has been twenty-three years in the West. He sold good many years in Taylor County, Iowa, and at Grant City, Mo. He also owns a \$3,600 farm near town.

Banner Livery and Feed Stables, Frank Borin.—Mr. Borin occupies a stone building, 40x150 feet, as a stable, and an adjoining building, 40x70, as an implement store. He employs eight hands, and owns forty horses, furnishing good rigs at reasonable rates. Mr. B. is a native of Indiana, and when he came to this State first engaged in school teaching and farming, and still has a large farm near this city.

The Hotel Hicks.—Is one of the attractions of Kansas. It was opened three years ago by Col. H. A. Hicks, a native of Maryland, and ten years in the business. The present



genial proprietor, Sam. L. Mickey, took hold October, 1889; he is a son-in-law of Colonel Hicks, and has resided in Rooks County fourteen years; he constitutes a model host, and is liked by all. There are forty-four sleeping-rooms in the house, with spring mattresses and marble washstands; the dining-room is famous for the meals served in it; the house is lit by gas and heated by steam. The hotel is popularly known as Rooks County "Headquarters." In the winter, gentlemen come here for the excellent shooting.

T. F. Taylor, Livery and Feed.—The stables deserve to be counted among the most convenient in the State. They have been opened somewhat over a year. The building is 35x120 feet. There are sixteen head of horses kept for livery, while the stable can accommodate 72. His rigs are looked upon as the most genteel in the city. Mr. T. is a native of New York, is thoroughly acquainted with the business, and can be relied upon for promptness and fair dealing.

City Hotel, H. J. Clark, Proprietor.—Mr. Clark took this hotel in July, 1888, and has made it a great success, its service being taxed to the full. The moderate rate of a dollar a day is charged. Mr. C. is a Pennsylvanian by birth, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and his genial manner makes him popular.

The "Western News." Owen Bros., Proprietors.—A town without a newspaper is poor indeed. The *Western News* was established in 1876, and takes rank with the best papers in the State. Its circulation is one thousand a

week. Messrs. Owen are natives of Ohio, but old residents of Kansas. E. Owen served twelve years as a printer and newspaper man, and is an I. O. O. F., and enjoys a high degree of popularity among the people here. O. T. Owen is at present time managing editor of the Lima (Ohio) *Daily Republican*, and is a K. of P.

C. G. Mickel, Grain, Groceries, Etc.—A firmly-established business is that of Mr. C. G. Mickel, founded April 20, 1889. He deals in grain, flour, groceries and provisions. His stock is moderate in price and good in quality. Mr. Mickel was born in New York. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 4th Minnesota Volunteers. He was formerly county treasurer for two terms. He has also been largely engaged in sheep farming.

W. B. Callender, Physician and Surgeon; Office in Bank Block.—Dr. Callender is a native of Illinois. He finished his scholastic education by a four years' course in the collegiate department of the Iowa State University. He studied medicine under Dr. Schooler, of Des Moines, and took his degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of that city. He practiced a few months at Greeley Center, Neb., and then came to Stockton in June, 1888. He has been very fortunate in his cases, and has made many remarkable successes, both in medicine and surgery; in this latter branch he has made for himself a specially good reputation.

G. A. Locke, Photographer.—Since his establishment, in 1885, Mr. Locke has shown his numerous patrons that he thoroughly understands his profession, the portraits taken in his gallery being triumphs of art. His studio is well divided into three separate rooms, the reception parlor being decorated with an elegant line of photos. and enlargements in crayon, panels, color work, etc. Mr. L. is an Englishman by birth, and has resided in the United States twenty-six years.

Metropolitan Meat Market, Ralph Wood, Proprietor.—Next to bread, meats, fish and poultry are the most important articles of food. Mr. Wood opened here in 1884, and has built up, by industry and politeness, a substantial trade. His premises consist of a two-story frame, 25x80 feet; are fitted up with special reference to the trade, which involves the handling of large quantities of meats. Popular prices prevail here, and two assistants are employed. Mr. Wood is a native of England, and came to the United States twenty years ago; with the exception of four years farming in Nebraska, he has always been in butchering. He is a member of the Masons and I. O. O. F.

M. Schruben, Manufacturer of Carriages, Wagons, Plows and Scrapers.—Mr. Schruben established himself in business here in 1878, and has succeeded in building up a trade highly creditable to himself and beneficial to the community in general. His premises are 20x60 feet, and employment is given to three hands. Mr. Schruben is a native of Germany, and came to the United States in 1857; he has had thirty years' experience in his present business, and has all the necessary appurtenances for doing work in a satisfactory manner.

WAMEGO.

WAMEGO is a town of about two thousand inhabitants, pleasantly situated on a slight eminence; comfortable and elegant dwellings rest snugly among many green trees; handsome business houses, having fine carved stone and plate glass fronts, ornament the streets. There is a fine \$15,000 opera house, and, to crown all, a splendid school house, several churches, and good society. It is a railroad town, being the end of the first division west of Kansas City, on the Union Pacific Railroad. It is not built by Eastern capital, but amply supported by the rich farming country by which it is surrounded. A six-span iron bridge, crossing the Kansas River, brings to Wamego the trade of Wabaunsee County. There are first class hotels, all kinds of stores, and two newspapers.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WAMEGO.

First National Bank.—The prosperity of the banking concerns of any city is indicative of an era of commercial progress. The City of Wamego has reason to feel proud of the First National Bank, established in 1876, by J. C. Rogers & Co., and incorporated in 1886. The capital is \$75,000; surplus, \$17,500. The officers are: J. C. Rogers, president, who has been well known in our midst for twenty years as a capitalist, and as head of the lumber, hardware and implement house of J. C. Rogers & Co. The vice president, Mr. L. C. Prunty, is also one of our oldest residents. Mr. Robert Scott, cashier, was born in Scotland, and has been fifteen years here in the banking business. Mr. A. W. Cox, assistant cashier, was born in Illinois, and has been banking seven years. With such officers it is no wonder the bank has had a successful record, and that it is the main support of Wamego's financial standing.

The Twin Stores of Jacob Hecker, Jr., & Co., Grocers and Bottlers.—The popular "Twin Stores" of Jacob Hecker, Jr. & Co. were established by the present proprietors six years ago, their father having built and occupied the premises ten years before that time. The stores are appointed with the most modern fixtures, being 48x60 feet, and 105 feet in the rear are bakery, kitchen and wareroom. They have facilities for putting up their own ice, occupying six lots for houses and barns. During busy season twelve to fifteen hands are required. They are extensive dealers in staple and fancy groceries, table luxuries, flour, feed, oils, etc.; also are bakers, bottlers, and fine confectioners, having all the facilities for manufacturing fine candies. In addition, they have a handsome restaurant and lunch-room. They are bottlers of mineral and soda water goods, which have justly become celebrated. They have greatly enlarged their capacity in this department, owing to the increase of traffic. They make a specialty of fine and new drinks, and are the original manufacturers of the new drink, called "Ginty," a nutritive tonic and non-alcoholic stimulant. Soda

fountains charged; beverages in quarts a specialty. They also manufacture and import fine extracts. Mr. Jacob Hecker, Jr., was born in Kentucky, and Mr. F. Henry Hecker in Cincinnati, Ohio, the latter being a Freemason.

Dr. A. Morrall, Physician.—The name of Morrall is the most influential in Wamego in the medical profession. Dr. A. Morrall has been a resident here twenty-five years, during which time he has practiced with eminent success. He studied medicine with James Adams, of Chicago, graduating from the Chicago Medical College in the class of '66-'67. He is an active member of the Kansas State Medical Society, and is prominently identified with the Masonic order. He enjoys one of the most paying practices in the State.

Dr. H. W. Parsons, Dentist.—Among those in this State who stand high in their profession, is Dr. H. W. Parsons, of Wamego, the president of the Kansas Dental Society. Dr. Parsons was born in New York. The superior class of his work, and his genial manner, have made him a general favorite. He is ever prompt in all professional engagements. He is also largely engaged in the manufacture of dental goods, among these being silver alloy and oxiphosphate of zinc, for filling teeth, and some other appliances of his own inventing.

W. R. Johnson & Co., Groceries and Queensware.—"The food we eat" is a vitally important question. The well-known grocery firm of W. R. Johnson & Co. was established on the 7th May, '89, successor to C. N. Baker, who was established in 1869. The store, 38x90 feet, is a model of system and convenience. The stock embraces everything in the line of fine and fancy groceries, provisions, teas, coffees. Two experienced hands are employed. Besides groceries, a large line of queensware is kept. Mr. Johnson was born in Indiana. His partner, M. D. Smith, was born in New Hampshire, they are both Masons. They are men well respected, while their experience and general reputation entitle them to be regarded as one of the representative firms of Wamego.

L. M. Schnaare, Grocery.—The merchants of Wamego are live, wide-awake and enterprising, and, as a class, no city in the State can boast of better business men. A leading grocery store is that of Mr. L. M. Schnaare, The Wamego Cash Grocery. The store is 25x40 feet, and is headquarters for Wamego flour, groceries, produce, canned goods, etc. Mr. Henry Schnaare, nephew to the proprietor, is the enterprising manager. He was born in Illinois, and is a young man of fine business ability, and as a manager has been highly successful.

H. Hesse, General Merchandise.—The well-known establishment of H. Hesse was founded on November 1, 1866. He does a lucrative business in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, butter, eggs, chickens, pro-

visions of all kinds; also corn and oats. The premises occupied are 25x110 feet. Four hands are required in the business. Mr. Hesse was born in Germany, and came to America in 1850. He formerly was in the business in Colorado and Montana. He has achieved a prominence accorded only to those whose transactions are based on mercantile probity.

Peirce & Moore, The New York Store.—

A prominent establishment in the dry goods and clothing trade is that of Peirce & Moore. These gentlemen were established in January, 1889, and occupy premises which are spacious and well-appointed, 25x110 feet. They employ two hands, and do a large business in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes. They are natives of Indiana and Virginia. They are widely known in commercial circles and enjoy the respect and esteem of all.

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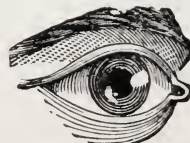
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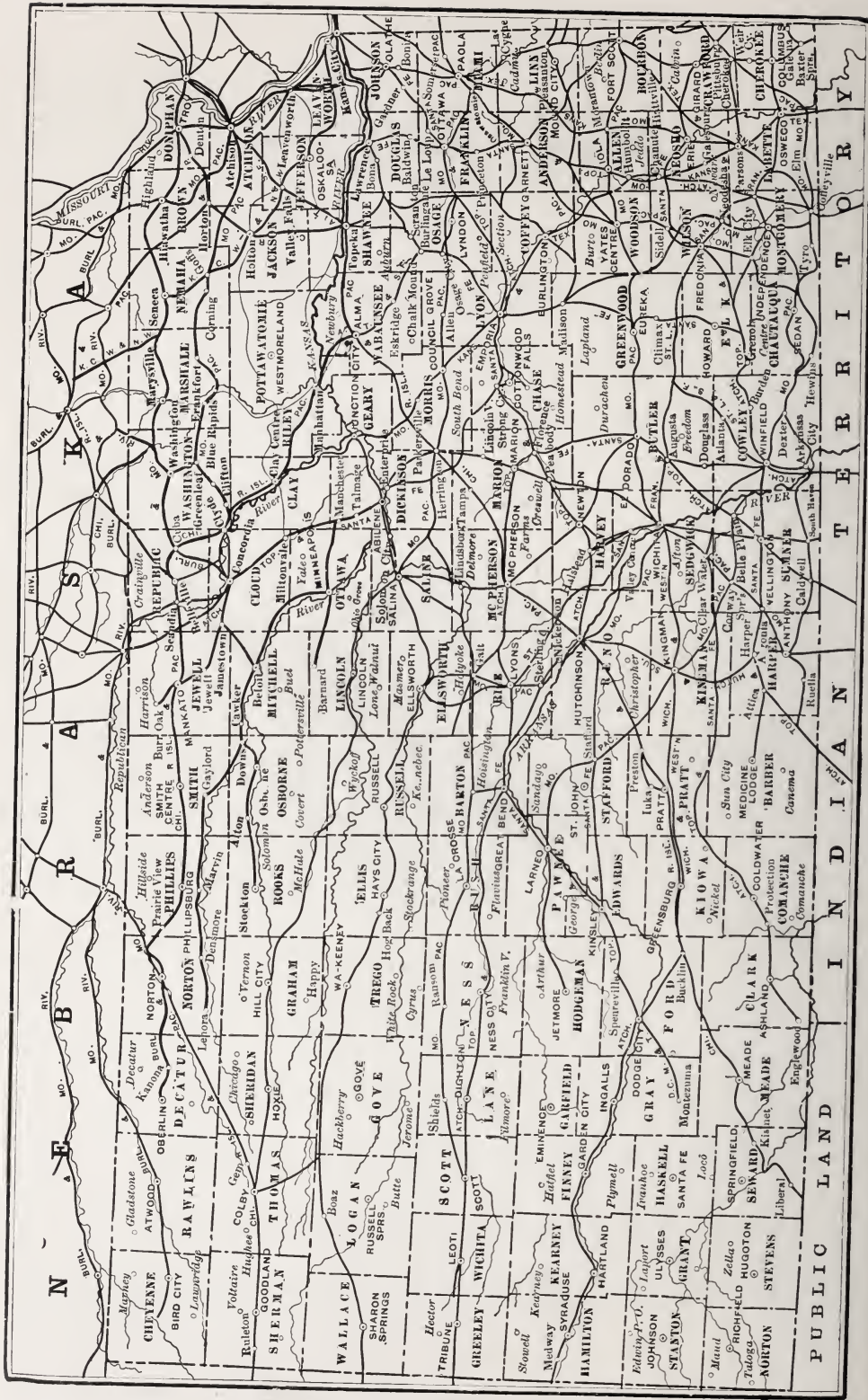
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*"As the gray and melancholy main is to the sailor;
As the Alps to the mountaineer;
The desert to the Bedouin—
So is Kansas to her children."*

The State of Kansas embraces within its boundaries the geographical center of the United States, near Manhattan, in Riley County, excepting the remote and detached territory of Alaska.

Its early history is not without its romance, for it was on the plains of Kansas that Coronado and his band suffered so many hardships in their search for the country of Quivera and its fabled cities of gold. He crossed the State in a northeasterly direction, reaching the Missouri River near the present site of Atchison. Here the Spaniards, disappointed at not finding treasure, erected a cross bearing the inscription: "Thus far came Francisco De Coronado, general of an expedition"—and returned home to Mexico. They were the first white men to visit Kansas, and their letters describe it then as now, a country rich in fruits, with a heavy black soil similar to the finest regions of Spain.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Kansas was visited and often explored by the French, who mixed freely with the numerous tribes of Indians located along the Arkansas and Kansas Rivers. It became a part of the "Louisiana Purchase" in 1803, and afterwards formed a portion of the Indian Territory. It was organized as a Territory in 1854, and admitted as a State into the Union in January, 1861.

The name Kansas is derived from the name of the dominant tribe of Indians found in the Territory, when first visited by the white men. The word is said to signify, in the language of the Kansas tribe, "Smoky."

Kansas has gone through more trials, in her early life, as a Territory and State, than any other State in the Union. Thirty-six years ago the slave oligarchy ruled the country. Fearing that the birth of new States in the West would rob it of supremacy, the slave power swallowed the Missouri Compromise, which dedicated the Northwest to freedom. The industrious North, aroused and indignant, struck quick and hard, and Kansas, full armed, shouting the war-cry of liberty, and nerved with invincible courage, sprang into the Union. The Territory was the scene of many an exciting conflict between the Abolitionists and the advocates of slavery, John Brown taking an active part against the latter. This enthusiast and martyr, in the cause of freedom, has left his imprint in Kansas, though he was never even a citizen, and when the war finally came on, the State gave voice and potency to the demand for abolition, and aided in burying secession in its grave.

"The war over, she became the patron, as she had been during its continuance the exemplar, of heroism, and a hundred thousand of the Union

soldiers found homes within the shelter of her embracing arms. The agriculturist and the mechanic were charmed by her ample resources, and inspired by her eager enterprise. Education found in her a generous patron, and to literature, art and science she has been a steadfast friend. Her pure atmosphere invigorated all. A desert disfigured the map of the Continent, and she covered it with fields of golden wheat and tasseling corn. She has extended to women the protection of generous laws and of enlarged opportunities for usefulness. In war she was valiant and indomitable, and in peace she has been intelligent, energetic, progressive and enterprising. The modern Athena, type of the great Greek goddess, is our Kansas."

The State contains 82,000 square miles, rather less than the area of the Island of Great Britain, more than that of New England, more than that of Indiana and New York combined. It is 400 miles long by 200 miles wide. It stretches from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains, forming an undulating prairie, rising from 765 feet above the sea, at Kansas City, to 3,365 feet, at the Colorado line. The soil is generally a fine black loam, varying from fifty feet thick, in the alluvial bottoms, to two feet, on the western boundary.

Kansas is pre-eminently an agricultural State, and is so situated in regard to latitude that it gives the most desirable climate for the production of a large variety of products; not only that, but with seasons so tempered as to almost perfectly mature most staple and marketable products grown.

There is no country more healthful, there being no marshes or swamps, and yet a soil unsurpassed for fertility, and capable of being tilled with a minimum amount of labor, and adapted for the use of almost every labor-saving machine manufactured for the agriculturist.

To show how her soil has responded to cultivation, we quote the following statistics from the Reports of the State Board of Agriculture.

Product of wheat, by four-year periods:

	Bushels.
1862 to 1866 (inclusive)	1,118,787
1867 " 1871 "	10,624,000
1872 " 1876 "	44,196,011
1877 " 1881 "	112,942,572
1882 " 1886 "	139,161,457
1889 and 1890	81,219,851

Corn product:

	Bushels.
1862 to 1866 (inclusive)	33,262,527
1867 " 1871 "	50,524,000
1872 " 1876 "	255,437,023
1877 " 1881 "	483,709,989
1882 " 1886 "	846,880,769
1889 and 1890	423,888,321

In 1889, Kansas had cattle valued at \$26,076,540; milch cows, \$13,023,936; swine, \$10,607,707; sheep, \$734,632.

Poultry and eggs shipped, \$2,359,658; butter, \$3,840,324; wool clip, (1888,) \$376,788; cheese,

\$55,988; animals slaughtered for market or sold for slaughter, \$33,593,105.

In 1888, the value of manufactured products was \$51,061,791.

The assessed value of property in the State is \$360,875,073, which is about 40 per cent of its actual value. This does not include the homesteads not subject to taxation, nor the large amount of property the assessors fail to reach.

There are sixty cities within the State with a population of 2,500 and over.

There is no large city in Kansas with its accompanying extremes of education and ignorance, wealth and poverty, virtue and vice.

Our public school system is our pride, no State in the Union, not even Massachusetts, comparing with us in number of pupils enrolled (400,000) or the ability of our teachers. After that of New York State, the Kansas Chautauqua takes precedence of any in the Union. The State has a permanent school fund of \$5,515,989; the value of school buildings is \$9,794,428; the amount paid out for school purposes in 1889 was \$5,137,460. It has a State Normal School, a State Agricultural College, while at the head of the educational system of the State stands the University of Kansas.

Kansas has driven out the saloon; instead of idleness, crime, pauperism, it has a sober, intelligent, industrious people.

Kansas has coal fields of vast extent, a valuable contributing element to its development.

While agriculture is being credited with being the chief industry of Kansas, figures in the Fourth Annual Report of the Kansas Bureau of Labor show that our manufacturing establishments are increasing rapidly. The Report says: "In our first report, from the returns received, we estimated the capital invested in this class of industries (including flouring-mills) at \$19,000,000; in our second report at \$22,000,000; in our third report at \$26,000,000; and the returns actually received this year show an aggregate capital of \$34,085,535, or \$7,285,535 greater than the estimate of last year, which was based upon the assumption that the reports received represented about 90 per cent of the whole. Accepting this 90 per cent basis as a guide for this year, it places our private manufacturing capital at, in round numbers, \$37,500,000, against \$19,000,000 in 1885, a gain of nearly 100 per cent."

An industry now being developed in this State is the production of sorghum sugar. Although in the experimental stage, it is developed far enough to demonstrate that sugar can be manufactured from sorghum at a profit; and, further, that Kansas is the best adapted for the production of sorghum cane for the manufacture of sugar of any State in the Union, and will, in a few years, be a great sugar-producing State.

Society in Kansas is much like that to be found elsewhere. There are good, medium and bad people, such as will be found in any other portion of the globe. As a whole the people

have less distinctive local characteristics than usually are seen in other States. The people are a mixture of all countries and all States, the New England element predominating. The generation born in the State reminds one much of the men who settled New England. The young Kansan is a reproduction of the stern, silent, unflinching Puritan, who landed at Plymouth Rock two and a half centuries ago, thoroughly Westernized; the most American of the types of men our country has produced.

No State or country has ever made the rapid development that has been accomplished by Kansas in a few short years. In fifteen years she has built within her borders 11,000 miles of railroad, operated by fourteen companies, only six counties in the State being untraversed by railroads.

The population of the State:

In 1860 was.....	105,000
1865.....	137,000
1870.....	360,000
1875.....	509,000
1880.....	875,000
1885.....	1,147,000
1890.....	1,500,000

The climate is unsurpassed. Those who come here with all the forms of lung trouble, rapidly become well men and women. No "*la grippe*" can live in Kansas. The transplanting of the average American citizen from the sea-board, or the sleepy rural districts of an Eastern State, to the limitless prairies of Kansas, seems to have a peculiarly rejuvenating effect upon him. His eye lightens, his limbs regain the suppleness of youth, and he is prepared for deeds of valor he never would have dreamt of performing on the old soil. It is in the atmosphere. This, in part, explains why Kansas grows so rapidly. Every individual residing within her borders realizes that the prosperity and progress of his State, his county, and his neighborhood, depends on his personal efforts to "push things," and he acts accordingly.

The motto of the State is "*Ad Astra per Aspera*," and by the untiring energy and indomitable will of its people it is marching on, while its railroads, its cities, its colleges, its schools and public buildings, its cultivated farms, its herds of cattle, are monumental evidences that the brilliant prophecies of the past are being rapidly fulfilled, and that a still more glorious future awaits it.

"Along the vast and silent plain,
I ride beneath the solemn evening skies;
In shadowy majesty around me rise,
Hay-heaped monuments that now retain
Some semblance of the shapes besides the drain
Of Egypt's desert where the lotus lies
Withered upon the toils, and the proud eyes
Of ancient kings are dust. Dear God! how vain
The Pharos's labor and the mighty toil
Of slaves that built the pyramids of old;
For here are symbols of a nobler spoil
Won in our battle with the earth. Behold
Man's history! I feel within my breast
The sadness of the East, the glory of the West."

OLATHE.

THE county seat of Johnson County is one of the most thriving towns in Eastern Kansas. Within twenty miles of Kansas City; it is imbued with much of the enterprise and has partaken largely of the prosperity and growth which have visited Kansas City and its adjacent territory. It stands near the geographical center of the county, and is quite a railroad center, having no less than six lines radiating east, west, north and south. In the decade just passed it has increased its population from 2,200 in 1880, to over 5,000 in 1890. The city and its surroundings are very attractive. Art has added much to nature; and even before the growth or planting of trees, hedges and shrubbery, and before the building of houses and fences and the embellishment of grounds, nature here in her wild state was such as to lead the beholder to exclaim, "O-la-the," the Shawnee for beautiful; hence the future name of the city. This was the exclamation of the Indian who came with Dr. Barton and his party in 1857 to survey the town site for the future county seat. Early in the spring the first house of rough timber was built; it was 12x14, and served as a grocery, drug store, dry goods store, saloon and hotel. The second house was a one-story frame, of cottonwood boards, and the third was built by Dick Taylor, son of Zachary Taylor. Jonathan Milliken built the same year a substantial residence on his farm adjoining the town, and the following year married Emily Whittier (a cousin of the poet and the first white woman in Olathe). J. B. Whittier opened the first hotel, the Union House, which gave hospitality to many historic personages, such as John Brown, the mild-mannered Quantrelle, S. C. Pomeroy, General Lane.

Olathe was incorporated in 1857, but as this was by the "Bogus Legislature," it was therefore re-incorporated, and on the 14th of September, 1859, its first board of trustees were elected. During the war it suffered the common chaos of all the towns of Eastern Kansas. In 1870 it was organized as a city of the second class. Olathe is well equipped with public schools; one was erected at a cost of \$15,000, another at \$10,000.

The Kansas Institute for the Deaf and Dumb is located at Olathe. It was organized by the Legislature in February, 1866, by appointment of a board of trustees and an appropriation of money. The first building, along with twelve and a half acres, cost \$15,500; subsequently 160 acres were purchased for a farm for the benefit of the institution, two and one-half miles from the town. In 1873 another appropriation of \$20,000 was spent in erecting the east wing. In 1880 the west wing was completed at an expense to the State of \$19,000. Both wings are of brick, three stories high, on a stone basement. There are now over 200 pupils on the rolls.

Olathe is well supplied with churches including Christian, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, African Methodist,

Covenanters, Roman Catholic and Baptist. The Masonic order has over a hundred members; also a Star lodge and Chapter. The Odd Fellows have two lodges with some 140 members. The Olathe Rifles, formed under the State militia statutes, is in splendid discipline, and has an excellent band. The city is well supplied with newspapers. The *Mirror* (Republican) takes the lead.

The country surrounding Olathe, and dependent on it for supplies, is one of the most thickly-settled and wealthy in the West. The north border of the county is formed by the Kansas river, into which flows numerous creeks. The rest of the county is also well watered—the creeks on the east side flowing to the east, those in the southern part of the county flowing south, so that Olathe stands on about the highest ground in the county. The soil is from two to six feet thick, and is especially adapted to raising winter wheat, corn, oats, potatoes and grasses. Timber (ash, hackberry, hickory, oak, sycamore and walnut) covers about one-sixteenth of the surface of the county.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OLATHE.

F. R. Lanter, Lumber Dealer.—The large lumber business conducted at the southwest corner of the Public Square, in Olathe, was established three years ago by Mr. F. R. Lanter. The yard contains about 200 feet of shedding, and a \$7,000 stock of lumber, comprising a full line of white and yellow pine, poplar, oak and cypress lumber, besides lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, screen doors, oak posts, lime, cement, plaster, hair, glass, etc. He also sells the celebrated Geo. W. Pitkin & Co. zinc paints. His trade extends all over Johnson County. Prior to his embarking in this business Mr. L. was steward of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum many years. He is now mayor of Olathe, having been chosen for that position on account of his public spirit and known general integrity. Indiana is his native State, but Kansas has been his home for the past seventeen years. He was city treasurer before his election to the mayoralty. He is a member of the Masonic order, and also of the K. of P.'s.

The Olathe "Mirror."—The *Mirror* is a continuation of a series of publications begun in 1857. Six papers merge their individualities into this one, which circulates under the same name as its predecessor of thirty years ago. It is the oldest paper and the only Republican organ in the county. In connection with the paper is a completely-equipped job office. The *Mirror* is creditably printed, and is a splendid advertising medium. The editor and proprietor, Mr. H. A. Perkins, is the present post master of

Olathe. He has been in Kansas thirty-two years, and in Olathe six. A native of Illinois, he early began the trade of printing, learning all branches of the art, which he has continued from inclination to the present time. He regards his calling with just professional pride. He is well informed on the issues of the day, employs a competent corps of clerks and printers, and makes a good editor, post master and citizen.

Christy & Co., Druggists, Park Street.—The pharmaceutical profession is represented at Olathe by a veteran practitioner and student of the science of *materia medica*. Mr. S. A. Christy started his present business in 1879, and has pursued a uniformly successful career. He has a permanent trade, and is well known as thoroughly reliable. In 1850 Mr. Christy completed a full course at the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, following his graduation with a medical practice of over twenty years. His establishment is 25x60 feet, and the arrangement and display of stock is both pleasing and complete. Mr. C. holds membership with the Masonic fraternity. Physicians' prescriptions and family recipes, compounded day or night, with accuracy and promptness, is one of Doctor Christy's leading specialties, using only the purest and freshest drugs.

Will. T. Pugh, Clerk District Court.—The efficiency and devotion to the interests of the people of the county officials of Johnson County, are well known. The reliable clerk of the district court, Will. T. Pugh, is now serving his first term in this office, to which the people will return him, in all probability, at the next election. A native of Ohio, he early learned the printer's trade, following it for much of his life. For ten or twelve years previous to his election he served the people of Olathe as constable. He has been in Kansas twenty years, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has a large acquaintance and personal popularity established.

W. M. Adams, County Clerk.—The office of clerk is one of the most important in the county, being intimately associated with receipts and disbursements through the board of commissioners. Mr. W. M. Adams, the present incumbent, is serving his second term, and is regarded as one of the most careful, competent officials. He was elected from Spring Hill Township, in Johnson County, where he was following the occupation of a farmer. He is a native of Ohio, and has resided in Johnson County over twenty years. He enlisted during the war in the 1st Ohio Inf. for three months, and at the end of his service re-enlisted in the 2nd Ohio Inf., serving till March, 1865. During the battle of Chickamauga he was captured, taken to Richmond for six weeks, from there to Danville, Va., for six months, next to Andersonville for four months, and finally to Florence for five months, being paroled in February, 1865, at Wilmington, N. C. He was in prison at the different named places a total of seventeen months, making one of the longest prisoners, in point of time of service, during the war. He holds membership with the I. O. O. F. (being a brother of the Encampment), and the G. A. R.

John R. Easdale, Sheriff.—A better selection for the office of sheriff was never made than John R. Easdale. He was elected from Olathe, where he had been city marshal and constable for many years. He is now serving his first term, but will no doubt be returned at the next election. He has been in Kansas about twenty-two years, coming here from his native State, Indiana. He is a stalwart Republican, and holds membership in the K. of P. Mr. Easdale possesses those characteristics that are necessary to a successful officer. His personal popularity has been achieved by gentlemanly conduct and strict attention to duty.

J. D. Allen, Probate Judge.—County officials should always be selected from permanent residents, as it insures more attention to the interests of the public and more economy in the administration of affairs. Judge Allen is one of those whose life has been one of activity in the line of work found in the office which he now fills. He was elected from the Town of Shawnee, in Johnson County, where he had been justice of the peace for thirty years. He has been in Kansas since 1857, coming here from his native State, Kentucky. He is now serving on his second term of an administration that has been characterized by honest and conscientious work.

F. R. Ogg, Attorney at Law.—One of the ablest representatives of the Johnson County bar is Hon. F. R. Ogg. He was born in Indiana, and graduated from the law department of the State University at Bloomington, in 1868, ever since which time he has been engaged in practice. He has lived in Olathe for the past twenty-one years, where he has held several offices of trust. He was county attorney for two terms, was post master for four years and four months, under Grant, and was one of the electors of our present President. He is now chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee of this district. Mr. Ogg's offices, on the east side of the Public Square, are pleasant and nicely equipped. He is attorney for the A. T. & S. F. R. R., K. C. & S. K. R. R. and for the Mo. Pac. He also holds the position of attorney for the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians, by appointment of the Attorney General of the United States.

Hon. J. P. Hindman, Attorney at Law.—The practice of law is properly regarded as the most dignified of human callings. It calls into action the highest faculties of the human mind. A prominent position in the profession at Olathe is that occupied by the Hon. J. P. Hindman, who has been for the four years last past the Judge of the Tenth Judicial District of Kansas. A native of Pennsylvania, he has resided in Kansas for a quarter of a century, and was admitted to the bar at Olathe in 1873. Previous to his election as district judge, he served as county attorney two years. The united respect of the bar and the people generally is extended to Judge Hindman, whether in professional, official or private life.

F. N. Hamilton, Attorney at Law.—One of the representative practitioners of the Olathe bar, whose standing secures respect of his associates in the profession, and the confidence of

the people, is F. N. Hamilton, who has been engaged in the practice here for the past five years. A native of Ohio, as are a large part of Olathe's men, he was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, in 1884. He holds membership with the K. of P., Masons, and is captain of the S. of V. He enjoys his full share of the practice, and any business entrusted to him receives his earnest attention and treatment.

Herman's Collecting Agency, J. F. Herman, Counsel and Manager—The above collection agency, organized and incorporated under the laws of Kansas, has pursued a career of success that justifies the judgment of its incorporators. The directors, Messrs. J. F. Herman, G. W. Herman and F. R. Allison, rank with the representative citizens of Johnson County. The capital stock is \$2,000, amply sufficient for all the requirements of the business, and to guarantee their reliability. Mr. J. F. Herman, as an attorney, has a large and growing practice. He has been in business here for the past eight years. He represents four of the best fire, and one of the best life insurance organizations in the country, and does a large collection business from all parts of the United States.

John J. Parker, Dentist.—Dentistry is now reduced almost to an exact science. Teeth that a few years ago were considered entirely hopeless, can now be saved for service. With so many appliances for the work, and such a pleasant suite of apartments, Dr. Parker makes it a luxury to have teeth attended to by him. The Doctor is a master of his profession, learned it under a thorough and practical dentist, and has five years' experience to further perfect himself. His apartments are over the First National Bank, and he is prepared to do all dental work promptly and well. He is a native of Illinois, and came to Kansas nine years ago. During the governorship of St. John he was a clerk in the office of the Adjutant General, at Topeka, Kas.

Abbott & Filkin, Kalsomining and Paper Hanging.—Decorative art was never so happily applied as when it is used to beautify the home. Messrs. Abbott and Filkin are doing the greater part of the work of the city in paper hanging, painting and kalsomining. Their shop is one block north of the Avenue House, where they keep a fine stock of plain and decorative paper, paints and kalsomining materials. They employ a full force of men and run two wagons to meet the demands of their business. Their services are desired because they are thorough and experienced workmen who never do a shoddy job. They have the fullest confidence of the public, and are doing a flourishing business.

E. B. Welch, Meat Market.—The importance of a good meat market cannot be overestimated, for when well conducted, nothing is more conducive to people's happiness. The above-mentioned market bears us out in this, few cities of Olathe's size being so well provided in this manner. Mr. Welch has been in the business since the close of the war, for twenty-two years, under the firm name of Price & Welch, and for the past three years alone. His produce is solid in the public confidence, and he is de-

servedly accumulating money. Mr. W.'s early home was in Indiana, coming thence to Kansas. He is a Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Hon. I. O. Pickering, Attorney at Law.—One of those names that preserve the dignity to the Kansas bar is that of I. O. Pickering, who



has been for many years associated with Ex-Gov. John P. St. John in practice at this place. A native of Ohio, he came to Kansas in June, 1859, and was admitted at Olathe in 1872. He has been in continuous active practice ever since. He enlisted as a private soldier in 1861, and served continuously until the close of the war, in 1865—nearly four years. He was city attorney of the City of Olathe from 1879 to 1882, and in the latter year was elected mayor of said city for two years. In 1884 he was Republican elector, and cast his vote for Blaine. In 1886 he received the nomination and made the race for Congress from this district on the Prohibition ticket—a movement in which his sympathies are heartily enlisted.

David Reynolds, Baker and Confectioner.—Among the prosperous establishments of Olathe is the bakery of Mr. David Reynolds. He makes good bread, and that is something that appeals to all mankind. He has been eighteen years in the business, and there is very little if anything about it which he has not thoroughly mastered. He supplies most of the city with bread, besides which he sell cigars and tobacco, confectionery, canned fruits, fancy groceries, and oysters in season. He employs four assistants, all kept busy. Mr. Reynolds was born in New York, was in the United States navy, under Farragut, for two years. He is a member of the G. A. R.

W. R. McDonald, Painting, Paper Hanging, Etc.—There is no business that requires more natural taste than that of the painter and decorator. Mr. McDonald is a house and sign

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painter and paper hanger by trade, and has worked at the business until he thoroughly understands it, first in Hamilton, Mo., and for the past two years in Olathe. He also does carriage painting, and is expert in that as in all the other branches of his art. In the houses he has painted and decorated since his residence in Olathe there is a marked improvement upon the old styles of such work, and all acknowledge themselves as highly pleased therewith.

Avenue House.—This house is a substantial brick structure, three stories high, 61x64



feet, built and owned by the proprietor. It contains forty-five rooms, contains commodious sample-rooms, and is well managed throughout. Mr.

H. N. Hackett has run this hotel for thirteen years. A native of Ohio, his first occupation was that of contractor and builder, which he followed to the completion of the Avenue House. He has been a member of the city council, has filled all the chairs in the I. O. O. F., and holds membership with the K. of P. Every department of the house is under the supervision of some member of the family.

T. D. Hedrick, Abstractor of Titles, (Bonded).—No man should be willing to buy any piece of land without having a complete abstract of the title, passed upon and prepared by a competent and reliable abstractor. In a county like Johnson, where for more than a quarter of a century the land has been changing hands, it becomes imperative to have a thorough abstractor to unravel the intricacies of the title. Mr Hedrick has a set of Johnson County abstracts, and thoroughly understands his business. No flaw in a title escapes him. He has been in Olathe for four years, was in the office of the register of deeds as assistant deputy for some time. He was born in Missouri, but raised in Iowa, coming from there to Kansas. He is known in Olathe on account of his integrity, and any business entrusted to him receives most careful attention.

James Hammond, Real Estate, Insurance and Pensions.—The reliable real estate agent is one of the most desirable members of society. Mr. Hammond buys, sells, exchanges and rents real estate, represents some of the best fire insurance companies of the world operating in Kansas, and is just the man to aid the broken-down defender of his country's laws in obtaining recompense for his service and sufferings. The country's policy is at present very favorable to the old soldier, and almost any one of them can obtain a pension if he puts the matter in the hands of the right party. Mr. H. is the man for this work, as his long experience in his country's service makes him devoted to his comrades' cause and persistent in his efforts in their be-

half. Mr. H. was one of seven brothers who enlisted early in the war. He was adjutant of the 172d Ohio Nat. Guards. He was born in Ohio, and raised upon a farm. He taught school for twenty-five years. He came to Kansas thirteen years ago.

J. H. Dow, Dry Goods.—The largest dry goods establishment in Johnson County is that of J. H. Dow, who is known as the largest advertiser, the heaviest dealer, and the best employer. The ladies' fancy dress goods depart-

ment, the gents' furnishing department, the shoe department, the carpet department, and in fact the whole establishment, is superior throughout.

J. B. Smart, Merchant Tailor.—No one who wishes to dress well thinks of buying "hand-me-down" clothing, when with the expenditure of a little more money he can have his clothes made by a reliable tailor. Such a one is Mr. Smart, who has been in "Sunny Kansas" for twenty years, part of the time in Lawrence, but for the past eleven years in Olathe.

BALDWIN.

BALDWIN is a city of some thirteen hundred inhabitants, pleasantly located on rolling prairie, fifteen miles south of Lawrence, on the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston, one of the numerous lines of the Santa Fé System. Occupying a position in the midst of a rich agricultural county, settled by a good class of farmers, it is an excellent trading and shipping point. Here is located the Baker University, one of the oldest institutions of learning in the State.

The first settlement made near here was in 1854, and in June, '55, the Palmyra Town Co. was formed, who laid off three hundred and twenty acres. In 1858 they purchased land to the south of the town, and donated it to the Kansas Educational Association, who located the university. This building when completed and in active operation drew the new stores and residences all toward it; Jno. Baldwin erected a mill, and other enterprises caused the death blow to Palmyra.

Baldwin is well supplied with churches—Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and others, and has the leading secret societies strongly represented.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BALDWIN.

G. W. Stuart, Groceries.—A house which adds largely to the standing of this town is the one which has Mr. G. W. Stuart as its head. Born in Indiana, he early enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, and was commissary sergeant of the famous 2nd Iowa Cav. As an I. O. O. F. and member of the G. A. R., he is well known in society, and in business is recognized as the energetic and leading grocer of this beautiful city.

Bodwell & Sturdy, Fresh and Salt Meats; Game in Season.—In every community we find firms that are leaders in every effort to make a success of their town and its different interests. H. E. Bodwell and Fred Sturdy—the former a native of Ohio, a Mason and I. O. O. F., and the latter, who was born in Canada—established their market in 1885. Keeping an experienced clerk, by strict business methods giving perfect satisfaction to all, they add daily to their customers, who are loud in their praises.

Henry Humbert, Dealer in Confectioneries and Fruits; Ice Cream and Oysters in Season.—There are many who, while students at the college at Baldwin, look back to the pleasant hours spent in Humbert's parlors, partaking of his famous dishes, served in such elegant style. As a caterer Mr. H. is popular. He was born in Ohio, and for five years has been in his present stand before opening up which he was in this place and in Gardner in the hardware trade. During the war he was seven months a member of the 9th Kas. Cav., Cass County Guards, and I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

W. E. Cary, Drugs.—With an experience of ten years in the drug business, five in Edgerton and five in this place, few men are as well qualified to carry it on successfully as W. E. Cary. With an elegant store and best location, this is the popular resort for both students and citizens. The stock consists of medicines, drugs, toilet articles, soaps, etc.; also school books, slates, blank books, stationery and sewing machine supplies. Mr. Cary is a registered pharmacist, is a native of Indiana, and is one of our most valued men.

H. C. Owen, A. M., M. D., Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician.—Few men are so thoroughly fitted for a life's work, with an education covering the extent of study that has been pursued by Dr. Owen, the leading practitioner of Baldwin. The Doctor is a native of Kentucky, graduated from the Butler University at Indianapolis, the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and in '85 received from the De Pauw University the honorable degree of A. M. For five and a half years he practiced at Lebanon, Ohio, and for six years has been located in this city. A member of the Masonic order, Dr. Owen is as prominent in the order as in the profession he so well illustrates by his daily life and practice.

Pittman & Thompson, Real Estate and Insurance Agents.—Since November, 1889, when Joseph Pittman and I. G. Thompson formed their partnership, many important deals have been made by them, both in county land and city property. Representing a number of leading insurance companies, their facilities for writing of all kinds are quite in keeping with their large deals in real estate. Both gentlemen have a flattering record in hard service done in the war

for the preservation of the country. Mr. P. was born in Pennsylvania; for three years and eleven months was in the 55th Pa. Vol., and is a member of the G. A. R. Mr. T. is a native of Illinois, and served in the 3d Ill. Reg't for three years.

A. G. Pasley, Furniture and Carpets.—The furniture trade of Baldwin is well looked after by Mr. Pasley, who carries, beside furniture of all kinds, a large line of mouldings, picture frames, canvas stretches, easels, window shades, and cornices, to which special attention is called. Mr. Pasley was born in Illinois, and established his present business a few years ago; for three years he was in groceries. His store is well arranged, and centrally located, forming an important adjunct to the business industries of Baldwin.

C. E. Dallas, Loans and Insurance.—Men who loan money, on long or short time, on improved real estate, aid greatly in the development of our Western cities. C. E. Dallas, of Baldwin, controlling \$25,000 to loan, has thus made a leading business in connection with his large interests in insurance. Few companies in the United States possess as much merit or financial standing as the Home of New York, of which Mr. Dallas is the local agent. Mr. Dallas has resided in Baldwin thirty-one years, and for ten years has been in his present line. With one employé, an office well adapted for his business, enjoying a large acquaintance, a Mason and an I. O. O. F. Mr. Dallas, who was born in Ohio, is one of our busiest and best-known citizens.

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, the county seat of Franklin, is one of the most beautiful cities of the entire West. It is picturesquely located on both banks of the Marais des Cygnes, exactly in the center of the county. The late census gives it a population of eight thousand six hundred people. It has wide and well-paved streets, handsome residences and business blocks far above the average quality. A street car line traverses the city from north to south, with branches both east and west. A finely-equipped gas plant supplies an excellent quality of light, also two latest-improved electric light apparatus. A first-class system of water works supplies the entire city with water. The town also boasts of a free mail delivery, an efficient police force; also electric fire alarm and fire company. Two flouring-mills are in operation, with a capacity of three hundred barrels per day. The Santa Fé repair shops are located here, with large and commodious buildings, round houses, etc., employing two hundred men; an oil and paint mill of fair capacity; three grain elevators, two foundries, two planing-mills and a soap factory. The Santa Fé hospital has a capacity for sixty patients. "Forest Park" is the pride of the city. It is splendidly improved, and fitted up with buildings of various kinds, wherein are held the county fair and the widely-known Chautauqua Assembly. There are four graded schools with commodious buildings of twelve rooms each; also a Baptist University with a full college course.

Ottawa is literally a "City of Churches," there being sixteen distinct church buildings, and the moral sentiment is high. The Ottawa banks are considered as solid as the rocks, and are always ready to carry any legitimate business upon true business principles. The People's and Ottawa State are considered the leaders in financial equilibrium and progress. The business failures have been less here than in any other county town in Kansas.

Ottawa is well located as to railroad facilities, having six lines of railroads (Santa Fé and Missouri Pacific), diverging at about equal distances

to all points of the compass, and making direct connection with the largest towns of Kansas and Missouri. This gives manufacturers quite an advantage, added to which they are in the center of one of the heaviest grain-producing territories, with cheap fuel.

In the county are also several other thriving little towns. Lane has some twelve hundred people; Pomona, one thousand. Williamsburg is seventeen miles southwest from Ottawa; Ransomville is a coal-mining town; Silkville is so-called from being the center of a flourishing silk-culture district.

The county is one of the best in the State, with diversified interests. It has much above the average supply of creeks, and is drained by the Pottawatomie River and its branches. All the water courses are fringed with heavy timber which varies from one-half a mile to two miles in width. The varieties of timber are oak, hickory, cottonwood, elm, poplar, mulberry, etc. The bottom lands cover a fourth of the county, the uplands about a fourth, and the rolling prairie the balance. The soil is dark loam, of great depth, and there is not an acre in the whole county that cannot be cultivated.

The mineral resources are considerable. Limestone is abundant and easily accessible. The marble is used largely for building, and the sandstone is of a hard quality. Coal underlies almost the entire county, and is extensively mined. Many farmers mine their own coal upon their own ground for all their purposes. Ochre underlies a sixth of the county, in veins of six feet in thickness. It is considered by experts better than the imported article. Natural gas is used in the eastern part of the county, and lately several oil wells have been tapped. Salt has also been found, but as yet quite undeveloped. There is here a big opportunity for capital.

Franklin county is as the rest of Eastern Kansas, the herdsman's paradise, with the best market in the world, Kansas City, close at hand. The same may be said of it for fruit-growing, wheat, corn, oats, flax and dairy produce.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OTTAWA.

Ottawa State Bank.—This bank, on March 16, 1889, succeeded by change of name, officers, and part of the stockholders, to the business of the Goodin Bank, and since that time has conducted a conservative and successful banking business. Mr. L. C. Stine, the president, is also grand treasurer of the I. O. O. F. of the State, and this bank is the depository of the funds of that order. Both Mr. Stine, the president, and Mr. Payne, the cashier, are men of many years' successful experience in the banking business. It has a capital of \$50,000, paid up, and although the latest candidate for financial favors in this busy city, is meeting a goodly share of well-merited success.

Rice & Pyle, Land and Exchange Brokers.—Among the representative firms of Ottawa, none enjoy more fully the esteem and confidence of its citizens than Messrs. J. H. Rice and Thos. J. Pyle, who are associated together in the land and exchange brokerage business, buying, selling and exchanging land and city property. Doing a notary business in connection, they also pay taxes for non-residents, and furnish complete abstracts when desired. Their office is desirably located, and provided with every convenience. Mr. Rice is a native of Missouri, while Mr. Pyle was born in Kentucky, and served in "the late unpleasantness" in a Kansas regiment. Since their partnership was formed, in April of 1884, they have developed a trade of large proportions, which is the natural result of good business tact and a high degree of ability.

Clark Bros., Booksellers and Stationers.—Messrs. W. H. and D. M. Clark, under the firm name of Clark Bros., have in their store one of the most attractive places that can be found in the fair City of Ottawa. In addition to the varied assortment of books, pictures, albums, magazines and stationery, they handle largely blank books, ledgers, day books, journals, etc., for the bank, office and counting-room. A superior lot of wall paper, mouldings, easels and artists' materials combine to form a stock of goods that is hardly equalled in any of the cities of the West. The premises are large and in a delightful location, having a frontage of 25 feet with a depth of 125 feet. W. H. Clark, who was born in Ohio, was a member of the 83d Ill. Reg't, and for meritorious service was made a captain of a colored regiment, and at the close of the war had a major's commission. D. M. Clark, who is a native of Ohio, while another brother who is a partner in the concern is the postmaster, John Z. Clark.

A. P. Elder, Plumber, 220 South Main St.—During the past ten years the subject of scientific plumbing has received far-reaching investigation. In many places these matters are brought under police and sanitary regulations. In Ottawa the establishment of A. P. Elder has become the most prominently known by reason of the advanced ideas that have been carried into practice by this gentleman. A native of Maine, he opened his place of business in 1876, and since that time

has enjoyed the confidence and patronage of our citizens to a gratifying extent. He has a force of ten competent workmen who are prepared to attend to any orders. In addition he carries a fine line of cooking, heating and gas-line stoves, from the leading Eastern factories; also an inviting line of house-furnishing goods. Mr. Elder from '74-'76 was engaged in the grocery trade. He is a member of the Masonic order.

The Franklin County Mercantile Company, Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions.—Among the firms that have mostly contributed to the success of Ottawa's mercantile industries, while enhancing their own, the Franklin County Mercantile Company is conspicuous. The concern is a stock company; capital, \$7,000. The stock of dry goods embraces everything in cottons, woollen, linens, ginghams, dress goods, notions, etc. The line of groceries is equally fine, both staple and fancy. Under the supervision of the efficient manager, Mr. R. H. Semple, who is a native of Ireland, the large trade is due, mainly to his own efforts. This gentleman showed his patriotism by shouldering his musket in the defense of the Union, serving with distinction as a member of the 155th Pa. The company is the leader in its line in the county.

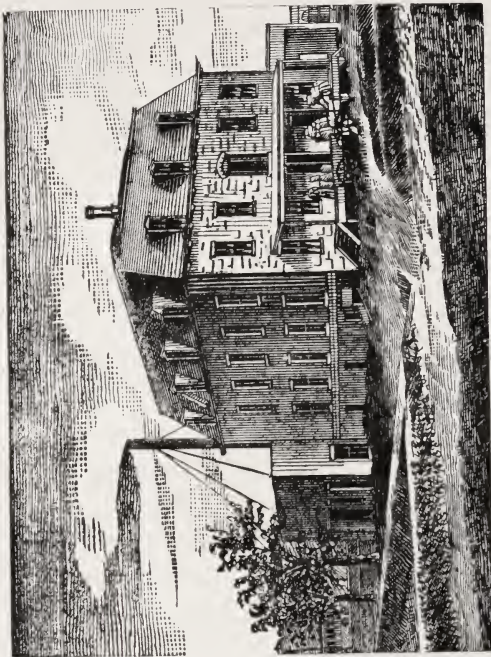
M. R. Harris, Lumber.—The largest dealer in lumber in Ottawa is M. R. Harris, who has for many years been a prominent man in the city, aiding always the general advancement of the place. A native of Ohio, he has for many years been in the lumber trade, and is an authority on this subject. His yards are spacious, centrally located, and contain everything needed for building purposes—lime, lumber, laths, shingles, posts, etc. As a recognized leader in all matters, this gentleman's position is a strong one in financial and business circles.

W. W. Fraser & Co., Dry Goods.—One of the stores that has been well received into public favor is the dry goods house of Messrs. Fraser & Co., pleasantly located in a two-story brick block. The opportunity for displaying the large line carried is taken advantage of by all who know the quality of goods. In dress goods, silks, cottons, flannels, linens and woollens, there is a stock which will well repay inspection. The employees are affable, rendering trading at Fraser's a pleasure. Messrs. Fraser publish a very attractive four-page paper, the *Sledge Hammer*, which gives a list of their varied stock, with prices and quotations, greatly adding to their trade, and familiarizing their many customers with latest styles, etc., by cuts and prices.

Brombacher & Curtis, Druggists.—The drug store of Brombacher & Curtis, which succeeded the firm of Estabrook & Co., was established two years ago, and has developed a large and prosperous business. The premises comprise a storeroom 22x90 feet, replete with a desirable line of drugs of every kind, soaps, perfumeries, toilet articles, etc. They also carry wall paper in numberless desirable patterns of the latest styles. Both gentlemen are registered pharmacists, and thoroughly reliable in all respects. A specialty is made in the compounding

of physicians' prescriptions, from the purest drugs. H. Brombacher is a native of Ohio, and C. A. Curtis also, who belongs to the Masonic order and K. of P.

Excelsior Roller Mills and Elevator, H. D. Crane & Co., Proprietors.—Among the industries of Ottawa worthy of honorable



mention are the Excelsior Roller Mills and Elevator. They were started in 1881. The building is of massive stone, four stories, and possesses every facility for the rapid handling of grain. Manufacturing by the roller process, the mills' capacity is 225 barrels of flour daily, besides large quantities of meal and chop. Fourteen sets of rollers are used, twenty-two employes are required, and everything about this mill is on the same large scale, making it one of the most complete in the West. The mill has its own electrical plant, the Jenney system. The value of this plant is \$50,000, and is being added to from time to time. The proprietors, H. D. Crane and W. M. Shiras, are natives respectively of New York and Ohio. Mr. Crane belongs to the Masonic order and Knights Templar. They unite fine business capacity with financial ability, and are recognized leaders in the city's welfare.

J. C. Hughes, M. D.—A sincere believer in the idea that if a man does right, he will be rewarded here as well as hereafter, Dr. Hughes is a staunch friend of temperance, and advanced in his opinions and practice. Born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 13, 1843, he was raised on a farm in Washington County, Ohio, until sixteen years of age. He then left for school, teaching during vacations until eighteen years of age, where he entered the army—Co. A, 97th

Ohio Inf.—for three years, and was made sergeant. At the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Sergeant Hughes, after the loss of the superior officers, assumed command of his company, but in the charge was shot and left, as it was supposed, mortally wounded, on the field. At the close of the war he took up the study of medicine, teaching to obtain money for his support, and to aid him in graduating from Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, in the class of 1869. He then married a Miss Brown, of Summerfield, Ohio, and located at New Birmingham, Ohio, where he began practice, and there continued for eighteen months, until he went again to Starling Medical College, and took a special course under Prof. Hamilton. Removing to Coshocton, Ohio, he practiced in that city for twelve years, but in the meanwhile attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Bellevue Hospital, New York City; also the State Woman's Hospital during the winter of 1880-'81. Shortly after he located in Ottawa, where he has ever since resided, and has succeeded in building up a practice that has few superiors in the State. The Doctor is a Mason, and G. A. R. member.

The Hamblin House, W. H. Bitts, Manager.—The oldest hotel in the city is The Hamblin House, which was opened to the public in 1869, and since that time has been a prominent factor in the city's industries. In 1887, W. H. Bitts, of Pennsylvania, assumed the management. Few hotels are more eligibly situated to obtain a large run of custom, and with the conveniences that are here obtainable the hotel is a popular one. Forty rooms are designed for use of the guests, the dining-room comfortably seats fifty persons, and the table is supplied with all the delicacies of the season. The rates are \$2 per day, and 'busses make connections with all trains. The whole-souled proprietor, W. H. Bitts, was a Union soldier during the war, and is assisted by his son Frank, who has been day clerk for three years.

Fred Grant, M. D.—A prominent member of the medical fraternity is Dr. Fred Grant, who for seven years has practiced here. Dr. Grant is a "regular," was born in New York, and after entering upon the study of medicine began to look about for the best college at which to finish his education. After much thought he selected the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated in 1877. Since becoming a resident of this place, his advancement has been rapid and sure, while his welcome presence may be found in our influential families. The Doctor is a member of several medical societies, and a K. T. Mason, among whom he is recognized as a genial friend and counselor.

H. L. T. Skinner, Clothing.—The *bon ton* clothing establishment of this city is known far and wide as a most reliable place for a long term of years. Both in city and country no name is held more in esteem than that of the proprietor, H. L. T. Skinner. The store is large, filled with everything worn by mankind, except shoes, and the ready-made suitings are adapted to the wants of every station in life from the plough-boy to the minister. In the furnishing department the

stock is both attractive and reasonable, while to those who desire their clothing made to order this house has as experienced cutters and fitters as can be found in any exclusive merchant tailoring house in the State. Mr. Skinner is a native of St. Louis, is in all movements for the good of the people, and can look back with pride upon a successful business career.

The People's National Bank.—Early in the eleventh century banking first came into prominence, but its scope was limited until about

class business education, under teachers of well-known character and ability, the graduates of this school being scattered all over the State. Here are taught railroad and commercial bookkeeping, telegraphy, commercial law, penmanship, the while for those contemplating a railroad position; the duties pertaining to those of a station agent are taught thoroughly and quickly. To those who are occupied during the day, a night session is provided. The manager, J. T. Preshaw, is known as a leading educator through this and adjacent States. Mr. P. was formerly chief clerk of the M. Ft. S. & K. C. R. R., but having an attack of brain fever, caused by overwork, becoming paralyzed in his limbs from the waist down, and then undertook this college. For any particulars, pupils, parents and guardians are requested to call upon or address J. T. Preshaw, northwest corner Third and Main Streets, rooms 8 and 9, Ottawa, Kas.

Centennial House.—The Centennial has attained a reputation as combining every desirable advantage that renders hotel life so attractive. During the six years it has been open, its popularity among travelers, whether on business or pleasure, has been on the increase. S. Piersol, the proprietor, is well adapted to his position, and oversees the eleven employes required to attend to the duties connected with the successful running of the hotel. Thirty rooms are in the house, twenty-six being sleeping apartments. Two cottages adjoining the hotel are also used as such, having eleven more rooms. The dining-room has a seating capacity for forty-eight, and the *cuisine* is exceptionally fine, special pains being taken to make this a feature of the hotel. Mr. Piersol was born in Ohio, and since assuming control of the Centennial has made it one of the most popular hotels in the State.

Ottawa Laundry and Dye Works.—When this laundry started two years ago, it gained most of its custom from the traveling public, but has since become so popular that all the families in town patronize it, who recognize that they get better work done here, and cheaper, than can be done at home. Mr. J. J. Miller, the proprietor, is a native of Pennsylvania, and before coming here was marshal at Abilene two terms, then twice elected sheriff of Dickinson County; later was in undertaking at Atchison, from where he came to Ottawa, where he has, with the aid of eight employes, built up a large trade.

George D. Stinebaugh, Real Estate Broker.—A progressive man in the real estate deals of this city and county is George D. Stinebaugh. Mr. S. has been practically in the business since 1868, though at that time he was elected county clerk, and served till 1880. Since this latter year he has given his time solely to the business. He gives special attention to the investment of capital for non-residents. He has many choice pieces of property on his books. He is also bounty, claim, pension agent, in which he has, in twenty years, acquired a good reputation for pushing his clients' claims successfully. All old soldiers in this section ought to send him their name, company and regiment



the fourteenth century, when the Italians and Venetians improved upon the then existing forms, and to-day many of the ideas then in vogue remain in use. The People's National stands among the most reliable and sound banks of the Commonwealth. Its incorporation was made in 1870, and for over a generation it has been doing a safe, successful and conservative business. Occupying an eligible corner, in a four-story brick block, the first floor contains the offices of the bank, fitted up in a decidedly neat and attractive style. With a capital of \$50,000, this institution requires a force of five employes. Its officers are: President, J. P. Harris, a native of Ohio; vice president, S. B. Rohrbaugh, born in Pennsylvania, and P. Shiras, Esq., a native of Ohio. These gentlemen are recognized as financial leaders in the business interests of this section.

The Ottawa Commercial College and Telegraph Institute.—Without the practical preparation, such as is given in a school of this kind, the ambitious young man may have great natural aptitude and a high degree of ambition, but in nearly every instance he will fail. In most of large cities may be found business colleges which thoroughly give the young man and woman who has a laudable desire to excel, the opportunity of fitting them for any position in life, where they may be independent. In this city such a college exists, and since its inauguration its success has been wonderful. Superior advantages are here offered for obtaining a fi-st-

for increase of pension, with number of certificate, and for what disability they are now receiving pension, with copy of exact wording of certificate. Mr. S. is a native of Ohio, served three months in the 14th Ohio, and three years in Co. H, 38th Ohio. He is a G. A. R. and I. O. O. F.

Wm. Kiler, Livery.—Being but one block from Main Street, in the center of town, Mr.

Kiler obtains the best trade here. His stable can accommodate a hundred horses, while in carriages he has every kind of rig made. No visitor has seen a ttawa unless he has driven through its streets in one of Kiler's handsome turnouts. Terms are reasonable, and boarders are given best attendance, at low rates. Mr. K. is one of our enterprising citizens, and is active in advancing the city's welfare.

PAOLA.

MIAMI COUNTY.

No county in the great State of Kansas can boast of a more fertile soil, purer water, cheaper building material, better improved farms, more prosperous towns, better people, or more varied natural advantages, than can Miami, justly termed the "King of Counties." Located in the



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, PAOLA.

eastern tier of counties, and midway of the north and south limits of the State, to the bountiful advantages accorded her by nature is added a nearness to the best markets of the West, that enable transportation of her varied products to market, at the least possible cost to the producer.

Miami County was organized in 1855, as Lykins County, the name being changed to Miami in 1861. The county is twenty-four miles square, about twenty per cent of the land being bottom, and eighty per cent rolling prairie. The upland soil varies from one to four feet deep, and the bottom from four to thirty feet, and is everywhere exceedingly fertile.

Paola, the county seat, was laid out in the spring of 1855, and is one of the oldest and most thrifty towns in the West. It is situated almost in the geographical center of the county, on somewhat elevated rolling land, between Bull Creek on the west and south, and Wea Creek on the east. The creek valleys are heavily timbered, and almost surround the town, forming a deep, rich border, and with the high land across

the valleys, with Paola in the center, is presented the spectacle of a rarely lovely glen, in a rich setting. The surroundings are most beautiful and captivating to the eye.

Paola is populated with energetic, progressive people, is well and solidly built, and is the most beautiful home-town in this section of the West, possessing many broad, spacious lawns, neat and trim dwellings, with every surrounding of comfort and convenience. Her streets are well kept, and everything betokens prosperity.

Paola has one of the finest school buildings in Kansas, erected at a cost of \$65,000. It is located on an elevation in the northeastern portion of the town, is a three-story brick, with stone basement, and contains twelve rooms. Another splendid brick school building is now in course of erection, in the southern part of the city, to contain eight rooms. The school system is excellent, and the standard high, the schools ranking among the best in the State, and aiming to fit the pupils for the universities of the West.

The Paola Water Company has an excellent system, affording a supply of pure water and ample fire protection. Water mains are laid through the principal streets, reaching every portion of the city.

One of the principal features of Paola is her natural gas, which supplies much of the fuel used in the city. The supply comes from the wells of the Paola Gas Company, located just east of the city, and is inexhaustible. Gas was first struck in 1882, and some of the wells have been burning constantly since. Many wells have since been drilled, and in several a good flow of a high grade of oil has been struck, which has been placed on the market, and is being used by the Missouri Pacific Railroad and other large institutions, with success. Gas is found at a depth varying from 375 to 425 feet, and in most of the wells a strata of coal, from three to four feet thick, has been passed through at a depth of from 350 to 400 feet. The City of Paola has employed drillers to sink a well at the south city limits, work on which is now in progress, and which is to go down to a depth of 2,500 feet. In this well, at a depth of 330 feet, a vein of coal three feet nine inches thick was penetrated, the borings of which have been preserved, and which demonstrate the coal to be of excellent quality. In the deposits of gas, coal and oil, Paola has no equal in the West, and their proper development would make this the richest and most prosperous mining section of Kansas.

The Paola public library is an institution of

which all her citizens are justly proud. It contains works of the best authors and writers, and is comprehensive in its scope. Paola is well supplied with churches in the various denominations, and has also an active organization of the Y. M. C. A. The secret benevolent societies are also well represented, with a good membership in each.

Paola's railroad facilities are not surpassed by any city in the State. She has three main lines—the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, the Missouri Pacific, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, with a branch Missouri Pacific line, thus affording excellent shipping facilities in every direction.

Miami County is well equipped in everything that produces wealth. She is well watered, and the finest timber in the world grows along all her streams. She is the banner corn-producing county in Kansas, considering her area; is well adapted to raising all kinds of fruit, grain and grasses, and is in the heart of the tame-grass section of Kansas. As her county seat, Paola occupies a proud station, and invites the world to enter her doors and partake of the richness therein.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF PAOLA.

S. D. Condon, Hardware.—It is a pleasure to note the ring of satisfaction in the voice of Paola's citizens when they speak of S. D. Condon, whose name is the standard of the hardware trade, and synonymous with the most reliable goods in this line manufactured. The business dates back twenty-two years, when Mr. C. started with Mr. George under the style of J. M. George & Co. In 1884 he purchased his partner's interest, and has since been alone. They started in a frame building next to the present store. In 1880 Mr. Condon built the building he has since occupied. It is a solid, two-story brick, constructed with special reference to carry this heavy class of goods; it is 23x110. The first floor is devoted to case and shelf goods; up stairs is the tin shop, where three skilled men are at work. In the rear of the main building is an L, 25x50 feet, opening on the side street, devoted exclusively to the display of stoves and ranges. Besides, he has two warehouses, which are packed with stoves, barbed wire, heavy hardware and duplicate stock. Mr. Condon's store is the most perfectly arranged in Paola, ample room being provided for everything. Mr. C. carries as complete and varied a stock of his lines of goods as it is possible to have—everything made in the civilized world; a customer cannot easily call for anything and be disappointed. In seeds he has established a heavy and extensive trade throughout the entire State. He handles grass, field and garden seeds, and can furnish you any variety of these by return express. He also ships Kansas seeds to St. Louis, Chicago and other points. Mr. C. is a most exceptional man of business, and has made every dollar he has by his own efforts. He is assisted by a proficient corps of five salesmen. Born in Ohio, Mr. C. was eight years in the hardware business at Columbus, Indiana, from

where he came to Kansas. He served on the school board twelve years, and is an Odd Fellow. His establishment is a public benefit, and bids fair long to retain its reputation as without its superior in Kansas.

Paola Gas and Land Company.—In the last few years it has been shown that Eastern Kansas is rich in both natural gas and oil wells, quite a number of her towns being lighted and heated by the former. The borings that have been made have given good results. One of the best-managed corporations engaged in the business is the Paola Gas and Land Company, who work on a basis of \$125,000 capital. They struck their first gas six years ago, and have each year enlarged their capacity, and now have ten gas and seven oil wells. Two years ago they incorporated. Their main gas wells are seven miles east of Paola, which city has been lit by them for over four years. They have twelve miles of mains, and light and heat all the private residences, and drive all the machinery in this section. The light and heat is cheaper than any other known form of these necessities. The company owns 220 acres of additions to the city. Their oil wells give 150 barrels a month; the product is lubricating oil, 23 gravity, 300 fire test, zero cold test. The M. P. R. R. at present takes their entire output, but in a short time they will be able to supply others who may desire to use a fine oil. This oil is suitable for all classes of machinery, from a cylinder to a sewing machine. The company is under excellent management. I. N. Boicourt, the president, is twenty years a resident of Kansas, and is also president of the Western Security Company. He gives close and earnest attention to the working of the company, both in the office and in the field. W. C. Bradley, the secretary and vice president, is the right man in the right place.

Ferguson & Proctor, Real Estate, Loan, Insurance, Collection and Rental Agents.—The interests expressed by the terms loan and real estate are the most important the people of the West have to deal with, and those who want to be successful in this line must exercise superior ability and extensive knowledge of general affairs. Such a firm is that of Ferguson & Proctor. These gentlemen have been associated in this line now three years, and have built up a very large business. They have all kinds of real estate on their books for sale and exchange, and are always in the market to purchase bargains in this or any other State. They buy and sell notes, loan money on real or personal property. They have choice farms for rent, and also attend to collection of rents and paying taxes for non-residents. In insurance they represent six large companies whose names are a synonym of stability. Messrs. D. M. Ferguson and C. C. Proctor are men of varied experience, well suited to conduct such a business. The former is a native of Ohio; served the Union in the 172d U. S. N. G. He came to Kansas shortly afterwards, taught school many years, and was latterly clerk of Miami county. He is grand patriarch of the state in the I. O. O. F., and is also a Mason. Mr. Proctor was born in Iowa, served in the 14th Iowa infantry, and came to Kansas in 1868. He has been ever since farm-

ing in Miami, and has also been entrusted with office as register of deeds, serving two terms. They are both notaries. They are a strong team, leave no stone unturned to increase their knowledge of affairs in their line, have visited all the Western States as far as Puget Sound, and are eminently a mainstay of Paola's happiness and welfare.

J. P. Hiner, proprietor of the Paola Grocery.—No house is more deservedly popular among the people of Miami County than that of Mr. J. P. Hiner. Mr. Hiner has been in his present location only since last spring, but established the business eight years ago. He is a native of New Jersey, and came to Kansas from Illinois 1857. He served the Union cause faithfully in Company A, the 2d Kansas, enlisting from Garnett. Mr. Hiner has also served the city as treasurer of the board of education. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the E. A. U., the G. A. R., and is Captain of Paola Division, No. 39, Uniform Rank, K. of P. His store is 22x110 feet, and is well filled with fresh and choice goods. The trade requires the employment of a wagon, and all goods sold are promptly delivered to any part of the city.

E. Freeman, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Etc.—One of Paola's prominent citizens is Eugene Freeman, the old-established and well-known jeweler. Born in New Jersey in 1844, he early came West; he learned his trade in Iowa, and came to Kansas in 1880, and at once opened business here. Two years later he was compelled to seek more commodious quarters, and for now eight years has conducted a flourishing trade at his present stand. His store is 22x90 feet, fitted up with handsome show cases, in whose velvet folds are exhibited a dazzling array of gold and silver watches of leading American and European makes, elegant necklaces, bracelets, pins, earrings, plain and studded with precious stones, watch chains and charms; in the walnut wall cases we likewise find clocks, alarms, silver and plated ware and table ornaments. Mr. Freeman's good taste and experience enable him to select a fine stock. You do not require to go from Paola to Kansas City to find anything in the jewelry line as long as he keeps his establishment open. He is assisted in attending to his many customers by practical men, as experienced jewelers as himself. Mr. F. is also agent for the Pacific Express; when Wells-Fargo was here he was their agent. He is a working member of the Masons, I. O. O. F., Workmen, K. of H. and Modern Woodmen. He has also been on the town council and other boards. He is one of those men who never let the grass grow under their feet; is an important adjunct to the city's welfare, and takes part in every measure which is gotten up to improve the condition of the community and advance the interests of Paola and Miami County.

Hall & Rawson, Druggists and Pharmacists.—The house of Hall & Rawson, established years ago under the name of J. W. Price & Co., is one of the leading drug stores of Kansas. Mr. Hall, who is a first-class pharmacist, came in the firm three years ago; Mr. Rawson this last spring. Their store is located on the corner

of the square, and is a modern building, 23x100 feet. The stock is well assorted, and aside from the full line of drugs, one may find anything desired in perfumery, patent medicines, toilet articles or fancy goods. One of the most attractive features of the store is the aquarium, which fills one window. They also have the only soda fountain in the city. While Mr. Hall is a native of Kentucky, he was reared in Kansas. He is a member of the Masons, K. of P. and Modern Woodmen. Mr. Rawson is originally from Michigan; he came to Kansas ten years ago. He is a member of the order of Free Masons, Modern Woodmen, and an ex-member of the city council. Both gentlemen are useful members of the community, and have many warm friends.

T. M. Carroll, Attorney and State Senator.—In the list of popular and brilliant men in Kansas, no name is more honored than that of State Senator Carroll of Paola. Mr. Carroll's career has won the admiration and respect of all who know him. He served the Union as captain of 1st Va. Cav. He was wounded and disabled at Gettysburg, which rendered him lame for life; his army record will compare favorably with that of any of the brave boys in blue. After the war he came to Kansas, locating in Paola in 1869. He was admitted to the bar in 1873, and has since built up an extensive practice. He is at present State senator, and for the past five years has been commander of the State National Guards.

Huston & Swain, Agricultural Implements, Carriages, Spring and Farm Wagons; Wind-Mills and Pumps a Specialty.—During the five years this business has been established, success has been the result of every effort. In February, 1886, R. M. Huston started alone. Two weeks later Hayes & Swain bought out Geo. Thayer, and continued business till November, 1889. In February, 1890, Mr. Swain joined Mr. Huston. They occupy a spacious two-story brick, and carry a heavy stock of standard lines of goods. Mr. H. is a native of Indiana, and has been in Kansas twenty-two years. Mr. S. was born in New York, and a nineteen years' resident of Kansas. He is a member of the Masons, both gentlemen being highly honored among the farmers and general community.

Jno. C. Sheridan, Attorney at Law.—One of the ablest members of the bar of this State is John C. Sheridan, of Paola. Mr. S. is a man of keen sense of honor, forcible and concise in argument. He has large social and political influence, being a leader of the Democracy. A native of Pennsylvania, he was reared in Miami County, graduated from Ann Arbor in 1879, and commenced practice in Paola the following year. He was county attorney from '82 to '86; his practice is substantial and extensive, his reputation as a business lawyer being unsurpassed in Kansas. His office is spacious and handsomely furnished, his library being large and complete. Mr. Sheridan has many noble traits of character, which render him an honored and influential citizen, one whose clean-cut characteristics destine for him a great future.

THE NATIONAL BANK

OF PAOLA.

The bulwark of Paola's stability is undoubtedly this bank, which dates back to 1881, when it was organized as a State bank on \$50,000. In October, 1887, it was made a national bank, the capital being doubled. Its surplus is \$3,000; it has declared dividends each year of ten per cent. The directory consists of some of the oldest men in Miami County. W. T. Potts is the president;

E. Gilmore is the vice president and founder of the bank. L. C. Gilmore, a banker of eighteen years' standing, is a cashier of superior judgment and ability in monetary affairs. A native of Illinois, he came to Kansas in 1882 to take charge here. Their resources are far in excess of liabilities, and in every way are an institution of which Kansas can feel proud.

MIAMI COUNTY

ABSTRACT AGENCY,

L. C. GILMORE, Proprietor.

The value of land is the basis of all values. Security is also almost all placed upon land, so, to know who is the actual owner of property is an absolute necessity, if we want to put business and business transactions on a safe and sound basis. In proving the ownership of property the abstractor is the rock upon which we must most rely, and therefore must his ability, his books and his honor be above criticism. Such an office do we find in the Miami County Abstract Agency, the property of Mr. L. C. Gilmore, cashier of the National Bank of Paola. Mr. G. is a bookkeeper of over twenty years' experience, and has made a thorough study of banking in connection with the correctness of titles. Two years ago he purchased what was then the best set of abstract books of the county; these, however, he found far from complete. Under his direct supervision he set a corps of competent assistants at work, proved every entry on these books to be correct, and brought the entire record of land transfers up to July, 1890. He has now the only complete index, complete transcripts and complete records of Miami County, and in the shortest time can give you a full ab-

stract of any land in the county you may wish to purchase. The agency is doing, of course, the principal business in abstracting. His abstracts take the record back to the Government grant, and are either a "complete abstract" or "chain of title." The "complete" abstract is a full copy of all deeds, mortgages and other instruments pertaining to said property. The agency has also an alphabetical list of all the "patentees" of quarter-sections in the county, so that through this agency is the easiest way you can place yourself in a position to obtain from Washington a copy of the original grant of land. It has also an index of all miscellaneous papers, such as the grant of power of attorney, quit-claims, mortgages, releases, wills, assignment of contract, etc., affecting the titles of all land in the county. Mr. Gilmore carries a bond of \$5,000 to guarantee the correctness of his abstracts. The office is a great *desideratum* to strangers contemplating coming here. It is furnished with every convenience, and a large stock of all the stationery used in a high-class abstract institution. Correspondence is invited and answered promptly.

S. W. Davis, Furniture and Undertaking.—Mr. Davis has now been in business here twenty-two years, and thus conducts the oldest concern in town, the name never having been changed for that length of time. He has always been located at the present stand, first doing business in an unpretentious two-story frame. On the 1st of April, 1886, he was burned out. During 1886 and 1887 he erected the handsome block he now occupies from floor to ceiling. It consists of three stories, with a total frontage of 64 feet and depth of 100. It is solidly built with the best brick, and finished interiorly in a superior manner. Mr. Davis carries such a stock as is seldom found outside of metropolitan cities. He employs a competent corps of assistants, and carries on repairing cabinet ware and furniture. Mirrors and picture frames, basket ware, and imported and bent-wood novelties also form a part of his immense stock. He is himself a practical undertaker and embalmer, and keeps on hand a full line of coffins and caskets of all sizes. He is also an active social factor, a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F. and K. of H. He is a native of Illinois, came to Kansas in 1868, and has made himself by close attention to business and by selling the very best goods, and treating rich and poor alike in a fair and honest manner.

Commercial House, H. H. Grimshaw & Co., Proprietors; \$2.00 a day.—Without presuming to such large proportions as some of our Western hotels, the Commercial House of Paola is the most home-like stopping place in Kansas. It is furnished throughout just as a gentleman is accustomed to in his own residence. The house was built and is owned by Mr. H. H. Grimshaw and his wife. They completed the building eight years ago; it is a substantial brick, 40x70, three-story; the lot is 121x127½; the garden which surrounds the entire house is in the highest state of cultivation, laid out in flower beds and trees and plants from every clime; over the building itself climb heavy trellises of beautiful Virginia creepers and ivy, green the year round. The interior comforts leave nothing to be desired. Gas lights it throughout; at night the garden is also lit up by several large natural gas lamps. The dining-room and office are especially to be regarded for their elegance and comfort. The *cuisine* is simply superb. There are in all twenty-six rooms in the house; they are filled up every night. The proprietors leave no stone unturned to make their house a model of hospitality. In fact, this is their hobby, and they have the reward of knowing that they have the neatest hotel and best trade in this country. Mr. G. and his wife are from New York State, and came to Kansas in 1870. Mr. G. is dictator in the K. of H., while Mrs. G. is also popular socially. The house gives special attention to commercial men's patronage, and recommends itself in every particular to the traveling public.

T. K. Clifton, Druggist.—Paola is noted among Kansas towns for its solidity. One of the strongest individual supports of this is T. K. Clifton, the oldest-established druggist in town. A native of Ohio, Mr. C. came West in 1855, first settling in Iowa, and moved to Kansas in 1869.

In that year he opened a drug store in Paola, the firm being known as Fellows & Clifton. In 1880 he moved to his present location, where he has ever continued. He has now accumulated quite a large fortune, partly from his business and partly by judicious investment in stocks and buying and selling grain. He is a man of superior business judgment, any amount of pluck and a bulwark of Paola, and his name does honor to these pages as one of Kansas's representative men.

Geo. H. Hall, Drugs, Books and Stationery.—This business was started by McLaughlin & Wallace, about 1879. In 1883 it became Wallace & Hall, then McLaughlin & Hall, and in '86 Mr. H. bought the entire interest. His stock includes everything found in a first-class drug store; his line of books and stationery is the best in town. Mr. H. justly holds the full confidence of the community as one of its most reliable men. His chief assistant is a registered pharmacist. Mr. H. is a native of New York, one of Paola's pleasantest men, does credit to his profession and the town of which his establishment is one of the land-marks.

L. J. Worthen, M. D., over Price's Drug Store.—One of the most active members of the medical profession in Kansas is Dr. Worthen, of Paola. The Doctor is the only homeopath in the city, which alone would be sufficient to command for him a large practice. Added to this he is far advanced in his education and training, and has his rooms equipped with all the latest apparatus and appliances and the most recent books on medical subjects. Born in Massachusetts, he studied first at Long Island Hospital and Bellevue, graduating from Walnut Hill Medical College in 1879. He then practiced in New York some years, but becoming a convert to the unfailing theories and principles of homeopathy, he resolved to study it, and consequently took the three years' course at the Chicago Homeopathic College, from which he graduated in '86. In March, 1888, he settled in Paola, and at once entered on the prosperous career we find him to-day enjoying. The Doctor is quite a mechanic, has invented forceps and other instruments in universal use, and is now about to place in the hands of the medical profession his new splint and bandage combined for fracture of the clavicle. Diseases of women and rectal surgery are his specialties. He has also written in the scientific journals. He is a member of the Missouri Medical Association and other societies. Dr. Worthen is a valuable addition to the strength of the medical profession in Kansas.

A. D. Nicely, Little Clothing Store.—Paola's enterprising clothier, A. D. Nicely, is a native of old Virginia, served in the army in the 12th Virginia Cav., and after the war came to Kansas. Since the 3rd day of January, 1870, he has been resident in Paola, and has ever been an active business man and useful citizen. He was long in the dry goods business, and since the 12th of March, 1887, has conducted what has since become famous as the "Little Clothing Store." The dimensions of the premises are just 15x50 feet, but the most casual glance dis-

plays the fact that there are no empty corners, every table and shelf being loaded down with all it can carry. This stock runs about \$15,000 in value. Mr. Nicely takes special pains to have a good quality of goods, and although he sells cheap he never carries any shoddy clothing. Hats, caps and gents' furnishings form a convenient adjunct to his immense stock of clothing. Mr. Nicely is a member of the K. of P., A. O. U. W. and E. A. U., a polished gentleman and a leading merchant.

M. A. Schroeder, Lumber and Coal, Harvesting Machinery, Etc.—A complete and well-managed lumber yard, with building supplies, is one of the most valuable adjuncts to a rapidly-growing little city and its surrounding country that can be had. Mr. Schroeder follows just such a business. His yard was started by Mr. West in 1869, as West & Son, who were succeeded in '77 by West & Bigelow. He carries the most varied assortment of lumber in the county, and can suit you with any grade; also sash, doors and blinds. He handles also John's asbestos paints, the best in the market; Vane Calvert's paints; coal, lime, sand, sewer pipe; also Whiteley's harvesting machinery. He sells blacksmith's coal all over eastern Kansas. His yard occupies half a block. Mr. S. is a native of the Quaker State, graduated from Eastman's business college at Poughkeepsie, New York, in July, '76. He taught music and kept books two years, and followed the same thing in the West till he went into lumber in 1880. He has played an organ eighteen years in the church, twelve years this fall in the First Presbyterian here. He was with the former owners of this yard ten years (the latter four as managing partner), and bought the entire interest, in June, 1889. Mr. S. is reputed to be the best book keeper in town. He is well liked by his employes, and gives his personal guaranty for everything he sells.

Mrs. F. Allee, Millinery and Ladies' Furnishing Goods.—This plucky business lady, with whom all in this section are familiar, has a trade of ten years' standing, and in all her transactions she has been found to be polished and amiable, and one of the most earnest workers for the good of our city. She owns the leading store of its kind in the city, having occupied the present large building two years. Mrs. Allee employs three assistants, who are thorough in their work. Mrs. Allee was born in Ohio, and came to Kansas eleven years ago. She first commenced business on a small scale, but by close attention and perseverance in all her operations, she has accumulated one of the finest stocks of millinery and ladies' furnishing goods in Kansas. She buys from the leading houses, goes to Chicago twice a year, and has the best of credit and a solid and enviable reputation.

"The Western Spirit," Fine Job Printing.—Paola, in the enterprise and talent displayed in the management of *The Spirit* has one of the best and most substantial newspapers in the State. The paper dates back to 1871, when it was started as a Republican sheet. In 1878 it became a Democratic paper, and the present owner, B. J. Sheridan, conducts it as the organ of the Democratic party. From

1878 to 1882 Mr. Sheridan was county clerk, and since the latter year has given his entire attention to *The Spirit*, increasing its popularity and circulation which now runs over 2,000. The paper is four-page, nine-column, and is the official organ of city and county. Mr. Sheridan belongs to that class of solid men who are the backbone of our State. A native of Pennsylvania, he came to Kansas in 1859, virtually picked up his education, and taught school several years before he joined the ranks of the newspaper world. He is ably assisted by E. F. Parker as business manager of the paper.

John F. Merrill, dealer in Lumber and Coal.—The large lumber business of John F. Merrill is a strong evidence of the progress of the town. It dates back to 1867. Mr. Merrill has had it twelve years, and always has on hand a full stock of lumber of all grades. He sells Heath & Milligan's paints; he keeps hard and soft coal, lime, cement, sand, building material. He is agent for the celebrated Silico wall plaster, the hardest, best and most durable wall plaster made, selling at a slight cost above the ordinary plasters; it is being used by the leading builders of the West. His lumber yards cover 275x127½ feet, are arranged so that the lumber is well protected from the weather. Mr. Merrill was reared in the lumber trade. His business furnishes employment for seven regular hands. By application to work, and ample capital, he will ever retain his prosperity. Mr. Merrill is originally from Wisconsin, came west in 1868, locating in Kansas City. Ten years later he commenced business in Paola. This August he bought out S. A. Brown & Co's. yard here, which about doubles his facilities, and these necessarily increased sales enable him to offer lumber at smaller profits.

G. F. Randall, Livery.—This barn has long had a solid place in public patronage, and has been running over twenty years. It is well arranged, and has neat turnouts for visitors and commercial men. Mr. R. has ten livery horses, which always make a good appearance on the road. He has been in Paola but a short time. He was reared in Ohio, among farmers and stock-raisers, which business he long followed. He also has stables at Oswego and Dodge City. He makes friends, and is an acquisition to Paola.

The Kansas Water and Light Company.—The City of Paola is proud of its water works, under the wise and careful management of E. W. Robinson, who has been with the company since its organization, first as assistant engineer, in building the works. He formerly served the county as probate judge six terms—twelve years. Mr. Robinson was born in the State of New York, but removed to Kansas over thirty-four years ago. He served two years in the West as an officer in the Union army. He is a member of the McGaslin Post, Masonic order. The company has two pumps of the Worthington make, with a 2,000,000 gallon capacity in twenty-four hours. The water tower holds 100,000 gallons. There are six miles of pipe. The electric light plant, to be run in connection with the works, will be put in as soon as possible.

Walter F. Haskett, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—Man's first instinct is to feed himself, after that to feed others; consequently, the most useful calling he can engage in is supplying his fellows with the staples of life. Walter F. Haskett, the grocer, is one of Paola's leading men. A native of Iowa, he came to Kansas in 1880, embarked in business at Vermillion as Haskett Bros., general merchants, and on March 1, 1888, moved to Paola, commencing a business that has rapidly grown. The main store, located on the Public Square, admirably arranged and adapted to business, is two-story, 25x80 feet. He also deals extensively in corn, provisions, small grain, and flax, for which he has spacious cribs and warehouses. Mr. Haskett is a live man, of advanced mercantile knowledge, and adds to plenty of energy a taste which makes his establishment an ornament to the city, and a credit to himself.

Charles Sherman, Merchant Taylor.—

"Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy; Neat, not gaudy, for the apparel oft proclaims the man." So it is the world o'er; women and men dress to the best of their ability and taste, and the only way for a man to look well is to have his clothes made by a reliable merchant tailor, such as Chas. Sherman. Mr. S. was born at the City of Minden in Prussia, learned his trade there, and crossed to America in 1857, settling in Warren County, Missouri. On the 17th of September, '61, he enlisted in the 5th Iowa Cav., serving in Tennessee and other States till the 17th of August, '65. In '66 he came to Kansas, and started business in Paola, and is now what we Westerners term "well fixed." Five years ago he built the two-story brick, 22x40 feet, the ground floor of which he occupies as a shop, upstairs as dwelling. Mr. S. employs three tailors, and carries a stock of cloths, cassimeres, suitings, etc., from which he supplies country tailors. Mr. S. is an I. O. O. F., and at present commander of the G. A. R. post here, McGaslin, 117.

N. H. Taylor, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—Among the best known business houses in Miami County is that of N. H. Taylor. He has been in business in his present location for the past ten years. His store-room, 22x100 feet, is stocked to overflowing with groceries and table supplies of all kinds. He makes a specialty of teas and coffees; also canned goods and delicacies. Mr. Taylor is a native of Illinois, and a gentleman of fine sense. A resident of Kansas twenty-five years, he is thoroughly Kansan in his characteristics, and knows how to meet the demands of the people.

F. B. Stem, Adams Express and Transfer Agent.—One of the live men of Paola is F. B. Stem. Born in Illinois, Mr. Stem was reared in Kansas, and has lived in Miami County twenty years. By hard work he has brought himself to the front, and though just beginning life he is one of Paola's substantial men. The Adams Express Company has had its office here ever since the railroad came; he has been their agent four years. He owns one of the best located quarter-blocks in town, adjoining the Public Square, and just the place for a transfer stable. His barn is spacious. He has seventeen horses,

two 'buses (which make all trains), six transfer wagons and three hacks. He also runs the town sprinkler and carries the United States mail. He employs seven assistants, like himself wide awake. On his lot Mr. Stem has his neat residence also located, so that all his business interests, being in one place, are easily taken care of. He does not, however, forget in the multitude of business affairs his social duties, and is an active member of the K. of P.

The Variety Store, W. E. Stich, Manager.—Most men are born to follow; a few are born to lead, as "Hesperus, that leads the sun his way." Such an one is the manager of Paola's variety store, W. E. Stich. Mr. Stich is a native of Hanover, and came to this country in 1857. He established this business last January. The spacious room, 22½x110 feet, is kept well filled throughout by daily arrivals of new goods. The headquarters of this business are at New York and Chicago, from whence come all manner of articles, useful, ornamental and indispensable, that are bought from stocks of over-loaded manufacturers, and from bankrupt firms for spot cash at panic prices, so if there is virtue in good goods at low prices, this house is certainly master of the situation. Four clerks are employed, and one price is made to all. The plan is not to see how much an article can be sold for, but how cheap it can be sold for spot cash.

John F. Brown, dealer in Flour, Grain, Wood, Coal, Bran, Feed, Hay, Etc.—One of the leading industries of Miami County is the Mill of John F. Brown. Mr. B. came from Ohio, the home of his youth, in the spring of '70 to Miami County, settling at Fontana, where he was engaged in different lines of business, and came to Paola five years ago. He worked for the former owner of the mill till he purchased it in 1887. He is of a jovial disposition and makes hosts of friends. Since he took charge of this business he is building up a fine trade. His mill is run by a 15-horse-power engine, and turns out superior ground feed. He is proprietor of the Western stock and Royal poultry food, the best in the market. Mr. B. served in the 154th and 197th Ohio, is a K. of P. and E. A. U. He also operates a power wood saw; is a hustler in business and active for the public welfare.

The Paola Handle Factory makes the best axe handle in America. If you don't believe it, send for one.

Woodson Masters, Abstracter, Real Estate and Loan Agent.—Mr. Masters is one of Paola's best-liked men. A native of Kentucky, he was reared in Illinois, and from there came to Miami County, in 1867, first living on a farm. He served as register of deeds from '86 to '90. In '88 he opened an abstract office, and now has a complete set of abstracts of the county. He represents the New England Loan and Trust Company. He is a member of the K. of P. He is thoroughly reliable man, and his opinion is good authority on real estate values in city and county.

Shofstall Bros., Builders and Contractors.—Messrs. Frank and William Shofstall have built most of the buildings that beautify Paola,

including the new \$10,000 school house. They employ eight men, and also run a feed mill. Their building is 24x90, with addition 24x40. They have a 15-horse-power engine, and all the necessary machinery for mill work. The Shofstall Bros. were born in Ohio; Frank came to Kansas in '79, and William in '85. They are experienced workmen, and fill contracts to the letter.

Jesse Jacobs, Livery and Sale Stables.—The livery business is well represented in Paola by Jesse Jacobs, who is a native of Pennsylvania, was reared in Illinois and came to Miami County in 1868. These spacious stables he built in 1880, sold in January, 1881, and bought back in 1883. The main building is 30x127, and with carriage houses and other side buildings presents a front of 110 feet. He has constantly on hand from twenty-five to forty head of horses and mules for sale, and sells mostly to shippers, but makes some good retail sales. Mr. Jacobs takes delight in drawing the rein on a good roadster, and knows a good horse when he sees it, having been in the trade more or less all his life. He is councilman for the second ward, is a genial and pleasant gentleman, a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

The Miami "Republican" is the oldest paper in Eastern Kansas; has been in existence since 1866, and under the present management and ownership of W. D. Greason for five years, since when it has greatly flourished. It is one of the best known papers in the East, and bears the honor of being one of the thirteen Kansas weeklies in Rowell's select list. Its pages are well filled with advertising and all the local news. Mr. Greason is also post master, having taken the post in 1889. He is a Pennsylvanian by birth, but a resident of Kansas since 1870.

B. T. Riley, Register of Deeds.—One of the reliable young men of Miami County is the present register of deeds, Mr. B. T. Riley, who was elected to this office in 1889. Mr. Riley is a progressive and public-spirited Democrat, who came to Kansas from his native State, Indiana, in 1867. He was born and reared on a farm, and has taught school ever since his eighteenth year. He is courteous and capable, and judging from his industry and integrity the office of register for Miami County is in safe hands. He is a member of the K. of P. and Masonic fraternities.

Jno. R. Voglesong, Clerk of the District Court.—The present clerk of the district court, John R. Voglesong, is serving his second term, and to take the reputation that he enjoys among the Republicans of Miami County as a criterion, it would be an easy matter for him to secure the office for a third term, if he should desire. He is by birth a Pennsylvanian, and served creditably during the war in the 97th Pa. Vol. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the G. A. R., and the Modern Woodmen. He located in Miami County in 1869, and has farmed in Richland Township four and a half years, and was for fourteen years engaged in the business of milling. Upright and thoroughly loyal to his friends, he makes an efficient and pleasant official.

J. C. Collins, Probate Judge.—Few men in Miami County are so favorably known as J. C. Collins, the judge of probate. Judge Collins is one of those thorough upright men who never go back on their word and stick closely by their friends. Born in Kentucky, he was reared in Ohio, and when Fort Sumter was fired upon (12th of April) he at once volunteered his services, and on the 15th of April, 1861, enlisted in Co. D., 22nd Ohio Reg't. On the 8th of September he received the commission of second lieutenant. Soon after he went to his native place in Kentucky and raised a company of fine young men; this formed Co. G., 14th Ky. Vol., and served till January, 1865. Captain Collins' company and his regiment took a prominent part at Jonesboro and the battles around Atlanta. At the battle of Kennesaw Mountain the 14th distinguished itself by preventing the flanking of Hooker's entire division. Judge Collins came to Miami County in March, 1865. Raised a farmer, he bought a quarter-section and has continued farming ever since. He now has 248 acres under cultivation. He gives close attention to his farm, and always has a good year. Judge Collins was four years trustee of Richland Township, has been census taker, etc. He has been elected three times probate judge, but will not run again. Still higher honors are in store for him. He is an active man in the G. A. R.; was commander of the post here; is a Mason, K. of P., A. O. U. W., etc.

J. W. Bryan, Treasurer of Miami County.—Among the popular men of Miami County is J. W. Bryan, the genial, whole-souled county treasurer. A practical farmer all his life, the first public office he held was justice of the peace. He was delegate to the convention that nominated Col. John A. Martin for Governor. He is now serving his second term as treasurer. A native of Ohio, he served three years in the 24th Ohio Vol. Reg't and sixteen months in the 18th. In 1869 he came West and settled down under the clear sky of Kansas. His fine record since is that of many others who, after serving their country faithfully in the army, settled up the broad prairies of Kansas. Mr. Bryan is a Mason, K. of P., A. O. U. W., and member of the G. A. R. He is vice president of the People's Bank. His farm of 160 acres he prizes as he does his well-earned reputation, and is known as an honest tiller of the soil.

W. H. Sheldon, County Attorney.—Among the names which grace the bar of Kansas is that of W. H. Sheldon. Mr. Sheldon was born in New York; came to Kansas in 1860. He studied law six years, and now, after ten years' practice, he is one of those who give the profession strength. In argument he is strong and a natural speaker. He has been county attorney four years. Personally he is a pleasant man, and is partner of T. M. Carroll, the brilliant member of the State senate. He is Chancellor Commander of K. P., and a senior deacon of the Masons.

James Requa, Farmers' Grocery.—Born and reared in Missouri, James Requa has grown up with the Western country, a real pioneer in Kansas, having come to Miami County more

than thirty years ago, he is a concomitant factor in its elements, and has contributed largely to its development. He is one of the substantial farmers of the county, but has resided in Paola for the last five years, and is now the member of the city council from the fourth ward. The Farmers' Grocery, which he bought and took charge of last November, is a very popular resort for both farming and city patronage. Mr. Requa is a member of the A. O. U. W., served sergeant in 15th Kas. Cav., and is a member of the post here.

The Paola "Times," John W. Bell, Publisher.—Republican in politics, independent in principle, conservative in all things, neutral in



nothing, the *Times* is a fearless advocate for the advancement of its locality, the people, its city, county and State. It has a circulation of 1,800, the office is equipped with material and presses of modern style; a large Campbell power press and one job press are in daily use; they are run by water power. The establishment has its own electric light plant running ten incandescent lamps. It is the only one in town and the first in the county. The *Times* is a six-column quarto, and is one of the most enterprising sheets in Kansas. John W. Bell, its owner, is a native of Pennsylvania, and began life on a farm at six dollars a month, worked on a farm while obtaining an education, attended normal school and academy; began teaching at seventeen, rising from the common school to the principalship of several graded schools; taught three terms in the Shield's Business Normal School and Academy, and was finally elected superintendent of the DuBois city schools, nineteen in number. Began the study of law with Hon. R. C. Winslow, Punxsutawney, Pa., and closed in the office of Judge W. P. Jenks, of Brookville, Pa.; admitted to the bar of Jefferson County, Pa., in June, 1887, and of Miami County, Kansas, in August, 1889. He took charge of the *Times* in July, 1889, and if push and enterprise, combined with tact and ability, count for anything, its future career will continue to be a brilliant and successful one. There are three hands constantly employed in the office who, besides the regular work, turn out

job work of a high order of excellence. Mr. Bell also has a nice farm near town, where he has some splendid pedigreed and fine graded stock and raises plenty of wheat and corn. He has a telephone from his office to his house and farm.

Dr. E. A. Floyd, Dentist, is a native of Massachusetts; came to Illinois when ten years old, and to Kansas in 1869. In August, '54, he commenced the practice of medicine and dentistry at Greenville, Ill., and continued till about eight years ago. During the war he held a lieutenant's commission in the Union army. The Doctor still has a special practice on diseases of the ear. Dr. Floyd is the patentee of the now celebrated CRESCENT TOOTH, bearing his name. The tooth is superior to anything of this kind made; it is the natural shape and size, and is more pleasant to the tongue. The pins being set in the deep groove or bottom of the tooth, vibration in eating is impossible. The perfect adaptation to the plate renders it impossible to accumulate any debris under the tooth. Should a tooth get broken from the plate a new one can be replaced in a few minutes. The teeth are now being extensively used by the leading dentists of Kansas and Missouri, and are among the staple articles of manufacture of the Wilmington Dental Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia. The Doctor introduced them after using them a year in his own practice, and any who have used them want no other tooth to recommend to patients. Dr. Floyd is a prominent member of the State Dental Association; he was a delegate from Kansas to the 1890 National Convention of Dentists, and is a member of the American Dental Association.

August Sorgemeier's Billiard Parlors.—The popular place of resort in Paola is the parlors conducted by Aug. Sorgemeier. Mr. S. is an old citizen here and well liked by all, so that his place is the great resort for the social life of the town. A native of Westphalia, he crossed the ocean in 1860, and came to Paola in 1869. He has been engaged in various lines of business, and made a comfortable competency. This establishment he took on the 1st of May last, and enjoys in it a rapidly-increasing custom. The building is 22x80; in front is a bar where all kinds of temperance drinks are served. The billiard parlor is neatly furnished, and has two new billiard and two pool tables. Mr. S. is a genial host on all occasions, and is a member of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F.

Oyster Bros., Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc., and Stock Growers.—A chief source of wealth to Kansas is the nutritive grasses of her broad prairies. This fact has been apparent to many far-seeing men, who have expended large sums of money in securing these cheap lands, whose clear waters, generous crops, and sheltering groves, with a fine climate, and best transportation facilities, make this country the stock-raisers' paradise. Such are T. E. and D. W. Oyster, whose perceptive faculties led them to become great cattle men, demonstrating to the world the fortune that is in this business in Kansas. These gentlemen were born in the national capital, Washington, and came to Miami County thirty years ago. They have 1,200 acres

of land, about 1,000 head of cattle of finest quality, and about 600 head of hogs. In Paola they own a handsome block on the Square, in one of the spacious rooms of which they have for the last two years carried on a dry goods and clothing establishment, under the superintendence of W. J. Carpenter, an experienced salesman and courteous clerk. Messrs. Oyster are courtly gentlemen, generous to a fault, and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

Geo. P. Leavitt, Manager S. W. Collecting Association.—In a country where the credit system prevails, such an organization as this is not only a necessity, but when properly and systematically conducted, as this has proved to be, is also a public benefaction. Geo. P. Leavitt was born in Ohio, and during the late war served, honorably, three years in the 9th Ind. Vol. He came to Kansas seventeen years ago, and has been a prominent business man of Paola for the last fifteen years. He originated and established this association three years ago, and it being his own scheme, he takes pride in conducting its affairs on strictly business principles. He charges but a small percentage on collections, and has a reputation second to no institution of its kind. He also loans money quite extensively on chattel security. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., and a public-spirited man.

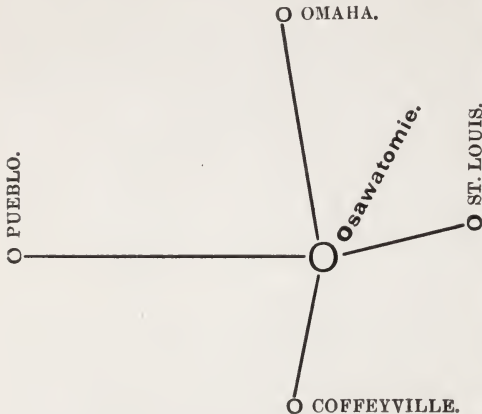
H. B. Taylor, Insurance Agent.—Insurance is one of the interests of the age, and over the globe its protecting power is felt, it being one of the great equalizers of wealth. Mr. Taylor represents companies which have few equals, Oakland Home, Northwestern, Jersey City and National; also the Fidelity and Casualty (accident) of New York. Mr. T. is a young man of rare business ability, and has met with marked and pronounced success. He was born in Miami County, and is well known for his honorable and liberal principles.

G. S. Anderson & Son, Grocers and Butchers.—Of the pioneer business houses of Miami County none are more deserving of favorable mention than G. S. Anderson & Son. This business was first started by Mr. G. S. Anderson in 1863. From 1866 to 1877 the firm was Anderson & Potts, but from 1877 to this date it has been under its present style. The senior member of the firm was born in East Tennessee. He removed to Kansas in 1858 to Linn County, but on March 19, 1860, removed to Miami. He is a Mason and ex-councilman of Paola. Since he started here over fifty grocers have come and gone. His son, D. G. Anderson, was born in Missouri, but raised under the enlightened influences of Kansas; is a skilled man of business. He is also a Mason. This store has been in its present location since 1879, and occupies a corner 55x102½ feet. The firm owns the block back to Brown's mills. They enjoy a generous patronage and employ four hands. Not the least important branch of their trade is their meat market. They also handle large quantities of ice; their new ice house has a capacity of 2,000 tons.

Wells & Stevenson, Attorneys at Law.—The greatest trust between man and man is the trust of giving counsel, for in other confidences, men commit only the parts of their life, but to such as they make their counselors they commit the whole. N. W. Wells and Hugh Stevenson are men of extensive knowledge and strong sentiments, recognizing that fundamental principle of success that all men are equal before God's tribunal. Mr. Wells, a native of Miami County, being the oldest white man born in the county, was graduated at Lawrence, in 1883. He has plenty of Kansas energy. He is a member of the K. of P. Mr. Stevenson is a native of Illinois; he came to Kansas in 1869, was educated in Paola. He was admitted to the bar in 1887, and is also a member of K. of P. The partnership was formed in 1888, and their clientage has been steadily increasing.

OSAWATOMIE.

OSAWATOMIE now has a population of twenty-two hundred people, eighteen hundred of whom have been added to our population in the last three years. The increase is owing, in the main, to the location of division headquarters, railroad



hops, repair shops and bridge yards here. Four hundred railroad men make their homes here, and additions are being made to the several departments almost daily.

The Kansas State Insane Asylum is located at this place. It is a magnificent structure, has over five hundred inmates and gives employment to over eighty officers and attendants.

Natural gas has been developed by the Pennsylvania Gas and Mining Company. Several wells have been put down, and at a depth of four hundred feet a splendid flow has been found,

proximity to Kansas City and our splendid railroad facilities makes this an excellent point for the raising of small fruits and vegetables for that market. This county is well watered and timbered.

Osawatomie is an historical city of national note, being a central point of the border wars in the "fifties," and the home of John Brown. A splendid monument stands here to the memory of that hero.

Osawatomie offers the business man and the homeseeker a cordial welcome. If you

will come and have a look at our superior advantages you will readily come to the conclusion that no other town can produce such a self-evident guaranty of profitable investment.

A new eight-room brick school building is now being erected.

Osawatomie particularly needs a flouring-mill, a canning factory, cigar factory, broom factory, planing-mill, etc., any of which could find a profitable field here.

The town has a nice opera house capable of seating five hundred. Two handsome, three-story corner buildings have just been finished.



JOHN BROWN'S MONUMENT.



JOHN BROWN.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OSAWATOMIE.

Smith & Campbell, Real Estate.—The real estate dealers of Osawatomie, Smith & Campbell, are strong and substantial enough men alone to make the business a representative one here. They are among Miami County's oldest and best-known citizens, and are authority in all matters pertaining to its land. They know every acre of the county, and know exactly what all city and farm property is worth, so that as agents their judgment can be implicitly relied upon. They combine with real estate a large insurance business, representing the following companies: Phenix, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Home, of New York City, American Central, of St. Louis, Commercial Assurance, of London, Kansas Farmers', of Abilene, Kas., the German, of Peoria, Ill., and The Capitol, of Topeka. They also do considerable in making short-time loans. Both gentlemen, as we have said, are old resi-

which is of sufficient quantity that the city and also the asylum are supplied with fuel.

Good improved farms can be secured at from twenty to thirty dollars per acre. Our close

dents of Kansas. H. B. Smith is a native of Pennsylvania; came to Kansas thirty-one years ago, and has figured somewhat in public affairs. He has been a member of the Legislature, mayor of the city, and is now on the city council. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. He does considerable law practice in connection with real estate. W. H. Campbell is also a Mason. He was born in Maine; came to Kansas in '65, and is at present holding the post of city clerk. They have been now in partnership three years, and are a bulwark of Osawatomie's progress and Miami's good name.

The Osawatomie Mercantile Company.—The leading and oldest business establishment of this progressive town is the Osawatomie Mercantile Company, which came into existence on the 14th of February, last, as successors to J. C. Chestnut & Company. The firm dates back to 1874, when it was first known as J. C. Chestnut & Bro. Since 1880 they have occupied these commodious premises, a scene of bustle and activity, consisting of a double store 44x100 feet, admirably arranged for carrying on operations with ease and expedition. On one side we find a full line of groceries and table delicacies, the produce of every clime, and shoes to fit every shape of men's, ladies' or children's feet. On the other side the shelves and tables are laden with staple dry goods from the best mills of our own country, Europe and Asia, dress goods and notions in endless assortment. The stock of clothing suitable for any size of man or boy is likewise complete. Hats, caps and gents' furnishings are also carried. The value of the stock will run about \$25,000, the paid-in capital of the company. Seven clerks are employed, and two wagons are kept delivering to all parts of the county. At the head of the company is J. C. Chestnut, one of the best-known men in Kansas business circles. A native of Scotland, he was reared in Connecticut, his father moving to Miami County in 1854. He served the Union in the 10th Kas., and has been in business in Osawatomie since the close of the war. He is a member of the Masonic order. He is ably seconded by A. H. Hume, vice president and manager, a gentleman far-sighted and exact, who has been in the firm now eight years. The Messrs. A. E. Gardner and L. A. Brown are the right persons for the positions they hold of treasurer and secretary. The company is a mainstay of Osawatomie, and a credit to the State of Kansas.

Pennsylvania Gas and Mining Company.—The few years that have elapsed since the natural gas wells of Eastern Kansas became known have resulted in very flattering developments, and it is now the opinion of those who know that it only requires capital and boring to make this section as productive as any in Pennsylvania or Ohio. One of the successful companies is that located at Osawatomie, the Pennsylvania Gas and Mining Company; W. M. Mills, president; capital, \$200,000. Mr. Mills is a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where he was brought up in the oil business, so that he thoroughly understands it in all its practical details. He was five years drilling on his own account there, and then resolved to prospect in

the West. For about a year he diligently looked over Kansas, and finally resolved to "pitch his derrick" at Osawatomie. This was four years ago, since when he has been developing as fast as he could. His principal partner is W. M. Clark, a wealthy ranchman of Saline County, who made his fortune in oil in Pennsylvania. The company has five wells 750 feet deep now in operation; supply the asylum, the town, and the railroad shops. They have also started to burn brick with natural gas. The new school house is built with their brick, and is of a most superior quality. They have also, at a depth of 450 feet, struck a four-foot seam of a first-class quality of coal, and are preparing to sink a shaft. They have the mining lease of 5,000 acres. Mr. Mills has on his own account 12,000 acres of land, and will be pleased to correspond with capitalists who should wish to embark in mining coal, gas or oil. The oil got in this region is superior to anything yet found in the East, and is used on all kinds of machinery direct as it flows from the well, without refining.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Capital Stock, \$50,000.—The opening of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank at Osawatomie was a strong feature in the town's prosperity. It commenced operations on the 1st of September, 1889, and after a year its showing is very creditable. The bank occupies the first floor of its own block, upstairs in which is the opera house. The block is 50x90 feet, and is the first modern building erected in the town. Business is conducted on the safest and best principles, the officers and directory consisting of superior men. Robert Kincaid, the president, is well known all over our State for his connections with banking. A. H. Knapp is the superintendent of the asylum. Reuben Smith, the cashier, is a native of England; he came to Iowa when twenty-one years old, and to Miami thirty-four years ago; commenced farming then and is still farming; his place is four miles south of town. He is famously popular with the Grangers, who elected him to the Legislature in 1869 and 1870. He served the Union cause in the 2d Batt. Mo. Vol. He recently resigned the post of steward of the asylum, which he filled for fifteen years. He is a member of the Masonic order; one of the most genial and trustworthy of men, a bulwark of our city's progress and our county's happiness.

L. B. Maynard, General Merchant.—One of the most deservedly successful men of Osawatomie is L. B. Maynard. Mr. M. started business in the fall of 1884, in the same house he still occupies. He has gone on from month to month, and year to year, steadily increasing his trade, till now his premises are packed to overflowing with the stock necessary to promptly meet customers' demands. It runs about \$8,000 in value, and consists of a full line of general merchandise, groceries and provisions, dry goods and notions, dress goods and furnishings, shoes, hats, hardware, and indeed everything used in the house, or on the farm. The main store room is 22x70 feet, and everything is so well arranged that no delay is caused by overcrowding. Two smart men assist him in waiting on cus-

tomers. Mr. Maynard is a native of Pennsylvania, came West to Iowa in 1867, and to Kansas in 1871. He is a young man, who stands well also socially, and is a stay of Osawatimie's success and progress.

Dr. C. C. Jordan is one of the best-known and most successful physicians in Eastern Kansas. He was born in Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Nashville, in 1874. From then till 1881 he practiced at Columbia, in that State. In 1881 he graduated from the University of Tennessee, and removed to Johnson County, Kas., the next year; he remained there seven years, and in May, 1889, he came to our city, where he has proved a welcome addition. Dr. Jordan served the Union cause, in the 12th Tenn. Cav., and also in the 4th Mounted Inf. He is a member of the National Medical Association. He was Surgeon General of the Department of Kansas, in 1888. He is now post sergeant of the Osawatimie post, G. A. R. In connection with his practice, Dr. Jordan has a fine drug store, comparing favorably with any in the State.

Ahrens Mercantile Company, Joe Nicely, Resident Partner.—The Ahrens Mercantile Company, of Paola and Osawatimie, is one of the oldest concerns in Miami County. The partner, Joe Nicely, who manages at Osawatimie, is one of our enterprising and intelligent men. He opened the store here two years ago, and has rapidly built up a large trade. The room has a frontage of 23, and runs back 80 feet. It is filled with a \$10,000 stock of goods, consisting of imported and domestic dry goods, all kinds of dress goods and notions, ready-made clothing, to fit any size of man or boy; boots and shoes, from leading manufacturers, at all prices; hats and caps, carpets, rugs, gents' and ladies' furnishings, etc. Mr. Nicely is an experienced buyer, and keeps his stock up to the exacting demands of his numerous patrons. He is assisted by four polite clerks. Mr. N. is a native of West Virginia, came to Kansas in 1875, and has established an enviable name. He does not also forget social matters, and is an active Mason, K. of P., and M. W. of A.

Liddle, Clark & King, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Guns and Ammunition; M. B. Edmiston, Manager.—A firm known as well as any other in Eastern Kansas, is that of Liddle, Clark & King, who date back to the War, and have ever maintained a high reputation. M. B. Edmiston, the efficient young manager, was born near Bloomington, Ill., and raised in Miami County. He was formerly in the hardware business at Paola, where he acquired a great amount of knowledge of the business. He has been manager here two years, and has made many friends. He is also an active social light, is a Chapter Mason, treasurer of the K. of P. lodge, was first master of the A. O. U. W., and is venerable council in the M. W. of A. Mr. E. is as competent and shrewd a man as could be selected for manager. He knows the trade thoroughly, buys cheap, and sells his wares at very low and reasonable prices.

S. A. Brown & Co., Lumber; L. M. Stanley, Manager.—This is one of S. A. Brown & Co.'s best-paying yards. It was opened in 1880,

and came under the management of L. M. Stanley in February, 1890, since when it has greatly increased its operations, Mr. S. being well known in our county, and one of the kindest disposed of men. He was born in Iowa, and traces his lineage back to Stanleys who helped to settle Jamstown, Va. He came to Johnson County, Kansas, in '58, and to Miami in '74. He handled hickory, walnut and other native woods here since 1879 on his own account—before he took charge of Brown's business—and judging by the large increase in sales, few men are as well versed in lumber as he. He sells walnut, oak and pine lumber, sash, doors, blinds, weather boarding, etc., carrying a stock amply large to meet the demands of this growing city.

Roberts & Maynard, Law, Land, Insurance and Collection.—Among the trusted and well-known men of Miami County, the names of T. S. Roberts and H. S. Maynard stand prominent. Both are old residents here, and since they joined forces, less than two years ago, have done a prosperous business. As lawyers they do the practice of this section of the county. In insurance, they write for the Springfield, N. B. & M., Standard, Hartford and Burlington. Collections also forms a feature of their multifarious business operations. Messrs. R. and M. constitute a splendid team, and work together admirably. Judge Roberts is a native of England; has been in America fifty-five years and thirty-five in Miami County; he has been practicing law here since 1861, and was a member of the State senate in 1862. He owns a number of fine farms in the county.

Osawatimie "Graphic," Frank Pyle.—The newspaper business needs a great deal of brain power to make it a success. Osawatimie, in the *Graphic*, has one of the liveliest papers in the State. The *Graphic* was established in 1888 by Mr. Pyle, a Kentuckian by birth, and a man who possesses most of the qualities which are necessary to a successful editor. The paper is independent in politics, and its wonderful success does credit to the city in whose interests it is so resolutely working. Mr. Pyle came to Franklin County, Kansas, when but three years of age, and during the last three years has been in Miami County. He employs two assistants. He also owns much real estate, and has a great many houses, stores, etc., for rent or sale, and people looking for a chance to invest in real estate will find it to their advantage to visit or address Mr. Pyle.

Racket Store.—One of the inventions of American enterprise is the racket store, and few towns of any pretensions haven't got one. Progressive little Osawatimie has her's, which, under the management of J. W. Lindsey, is indeed a prize. Mr. Lindsey opened it on the 1st day of May last, and has enjoyed a most flourishing patronage. The premises are 22x65 feet, filled to repletion with all kinds of notions, household necessities, a full line of tinware, ornaments, dress ware and novelties of every description; also one of the nicest line of toys ever exhibited in this country. Mr. Lindsey is an old Miami County man, having resided here since April 3, 1860, when he arrived from his

native State, Ohio. He was reared a farmer and conducts a large place near town. He is a man of modern ideas, shrewd, a clever salesman and makes a success of anything he may undertake.

C. B. Jillson.—One of Miami County's capitalists, and a large owner of Osawatomie real estate is one of our county's pioneer settlers. He came here in 1857; farmed and raised cattle; was later selling groceries till 1883, when he retired from actual participation in business. He has built a number of beautiful residences, and several stores, and been active in advancing our city. He has held several public offices; was township trustee from 1870-72, city treasurer, bridge commissioner, road overseer, etc. He holds public confidence, and is regarded as a benefactor to our community.

W. W. McLain, Photographer, is one of the most skilled in this profession in our State. A native of Iowa, and for seven years conducted the best gallery in Garnett, doing a heavy trade till he sold out at a handsome figure and came to Osawatomie in January, 1890, for a rest. His gallery is a unique, self-contained, picturesque building, which he built and owns; outside and inside most attractive; and if you want a speaking likeness of yourself, family, residence, store or horse, that will keep for all time, come and see him.

Hon. A. F. Meek, Druggist and Apothecary; Mayor.—An active factor in Osawatomie is the druggist, A. F. Meek, the present worthy mayor. Mr. Meek was born in Indiana and came to Miami County in 1874. For eleven years he has been established in business. His store is 25x80, and is stocked with a full line of drugs, chemicals, paints, toilet articles, etc. A registered pharmacist assists him. Mr. Meek was the city's first treasurer, and has been connected with the city government eight years. As mayor he has been a faithful worker for her improvement, and spent the public money eco-

nomically and to the best advantage. He is a member of the Masonic order.

The Dever House.—This splendid hotel is conducted by a gentleman of many years' experience, who puts forth his best endeavors to make his guests comfortable and pleased with their stay at his house. Mr. Dever was born and reared in Ohio, has been five years in Kansas in the hotel business, and came from Leroy here on the 19th of September, 1889. He is well assisted by his wife in the management of the house. This house is of commodious dimensions, 25x90 feet, and two stories high. Considering the excellence of the fare and the comforts of the sleeping apartments, the rates of this popular house are very moderate.

S. H. Polley.—The office of post master is well filled in Osawatomie by a staunch Republican, S. H. Polley. Mr. Polley has been a business man all his life. He was born in Connecticut, resided in Missouri five years, and in 1876 came to Kansas, and being of an active and genial disposition has made many friends. In the war he served three years in the 4th N. Y., Heavy Art. He took the office in May, 1889, and has gained the further confidence of the people in this capacity.

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, Lyman Harden, Proprietor.—An example of the sturdy men who have built up Kansas is Lyman M. Harden, the liveryman. Mr. H. was born in Elmira, N. Y., came West to Illinois, in 1857, later moved to Iowa, and served in the 1st Iowa Cav. two years. In 1868 he came to Kansas, and has been in livery in Osawatomie twenty years. For a long time he did the livery for the asylum, and when the town began to grow, some seven years ago, he located on his present stand. His barn is 34x114 feet. He has thirteen livery horses, ten boarders, and about sixteen carriages, under his roof all the time. He also buys and sells horses. Mr. Harden is the oldest liveryman in the county, where his name is synonymous with the finest turnouts.

LYNDON.

LYNDON, the county seat of Osage County, is pleasantly situated near the center of the county, on the hillside sloping from the north side of Salt Creek. It has a population of about one thousand, and has two hotels, two banks, two flouring-mills, two newspapers, three churches, a large two-story school house, and a number of business houses enjoying a good country trade. The town is on the main line of the Missouri Pacific, and also on the Santa Fé Railroad. Lyndon was first settled in 1869, and the next year there was a great rush for the new town. Although the county records were kept at Lyndon, it was not till '73 that the ballot decided the town as the permanent county seat. Since then it has slowly but steadily grown, and the citizens have great confidence in the future.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LYNDON.

The Exchange Bank.—A sound and conservative bank is the one which was established here in 1886 and known as the Exchange. This institution is centrally located, on a prominent block, and in its interior is well fitted up and arranged with a view to facilitate the easy and rapid dispatch of business. The efficient cashier, Mr. A. A. Downer, who is a native of Ohio, and for eight years had been engaged in farming in Saline County, prior to assuming the duties of cashier, has well demonstrated his fitness for this position. Mr. Downer has been in the State twelve years and has a large ac-

quaintance. The bank loans money on improved farms at lowest rates, and gives prompt attention to all collections placed in its hands.

J. H. Howe, Carriages, Wagons and Agricultural Implements.—A leading industry in this county is the carriage, wagon and agricultural implement house of J. H. Howe, Esq. This gentleman, who is a native of Massachusetts, came to Kansas in 1868, remaining until 1872, when he removed to Massachusetts. In 1877 he again came to this State, and since then has been dealing in farm machinery, etc. During the War of the Rebellion he was two years in the 13th and 5th Mass. Inf. Mr. Howe is the commander of G. A. R. post, No. 19, serving in that capacity for the sixth term, and is also colonel of the Osage County battalion of veterans, and was delegate to the National G. A. R. Encampment, held at Boston, Mass., August, 1890. He is also an Odd Fellow and Modern Woodman.

P. E. Gregory, County Attorney of Osage County.—Among the many young men who have come from the East to take their places in the battle of life in Kansas, is P. E. Gregory, the efficient county attorney. A native of Indiana, he has been in the State for twenty years, studying law with ex-Attorney General S. B. Bradford. On April 9, 1884, he was admitted. He has built up a nice practice, and since entering upon the duties of the office, to which he was elected in November, 1888, bids fair to bring him before the public in the discharge of other and more onerous public trusts. Mr. Gregory is a member of the Freemasons.

Fleming Bros., Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.—Messrs. J. M. and M. B. Fleming are the largest dealers in stoves, hardware and tinware in this town. These brothers were raised in Illinois, and established their present business in 1883. Both are practical tanners. In addition to their hardware trade, they are known as lovers of good stock, being owners of the celebrated thoroughbred, "Spinning," which took the first prize among stallions at the Olney, Ill., Fair, in 1887. In cows, their "Pogus Duchess" has more than a local celebrity. An experienced trainer is constantly in their employ, who gives his attention to these matters, thus permitting the Messrs. Fleming to attend to their hardware trade. J. M. Fleming, during the war, was in the 106th Ill. Reg't, and both are members of the A. O. U. W. order.

D. M. Cooper, Attorney at Law.—Making a specialty of real estate law, in which D. M. Cooper, Esq., has acquired considerable reputation, Lyndon has in his person a gentleman who reflects credit upon the Kansas bar. Lawyer Cooper was born in Delaware, and has been eleven years in the State, having been admitted to practice in 1884. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, and commands the esteem and respect of all with whom he is acquainted.

W. F. Gray, Staple Groceries and Provisions.—One of the best known houses in the grocery trade of Lyndon, is that of W. F. Gray. Born in England, and for thirty-five years a resident of the United States, Mr. Gray has,

in the four years that his business was established, succeeded far beyond his expectations, and to-day controls a lucrative trade in and out of town. His store is 25x100 feet, stocked with a desirable assortment of staple and fancy groceries. Goods of the best quality at living prices is his motto. Mr. Gray belongs to the order of Odd Fellows, and is regarded as one of our most enterprising business men.

The Lyndon Savings Bank; Capital, \$10,000; J. M. Hodgen, President and Cashier.—No greater evidence of the thrift of a community can be shown than by the way the people deposit their savings, and when we find a bank of this kind successful in any community, we take it that the people are of an economical disposition. Since the bank has been in existence, its deposits have steadily increased until now it has a strong hold on the people, and is regarded by all as a prime mover in the progress of the town's best interests.

Charles Bacon, Pharmacist.—Few stores are as well patronized as that of Chas. Bacon, who for nine years has been a resident of the State, and who in February of 1889 opened up his present place of business. Carrying a very well assorted stock of drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, soaps, perfumeries, cigars, tobaccos, etc., it is not surprising that this store should have become a popular one from the start. Mr. Bacon, who is an Englishman by birth, is a thorough pharmacist, and reliable in his compoundings. His trade is first class, and by his earnestness he deserves the esteem in which he is held.

O'Neal Bros., Grocers.—A business which, from its start, seemed to take with the citizens of Lyndon, is the grocery store established by Messrs. J. C. and R. M. O'Neal, in 1882, under the style of O'Neal Bros. These gentlemen, who are natives of Illinois, have a fine appearing store, both inside and outside, stocked with staple and fancy groceries, sauces, pickles, and produce of the freshest description. Patrons are made to feel that everything purchased here is equal to the best of any market. Both the brothers are well liked and belong to the order of Modern Woodmen.

E. B. Fenn, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.—A native of New York State, Dr. Fenn came to Kansas twenty-five years ago, and for twenty years has been a resident of Lyndon. An extended course of lectures at the Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, fitted him for practice. During the war he saw hard service as surgeon in the 4th Iowa Regiment, and now is medical examiner of pensions for Osage County. For four years he was physician to the Sacs and Foxes, whose reserve was located at this point just after the civil war, and after their removal to Indian Territory remained in the same position six years. During Cleveland's administration he resigned and returned to Lyndon. In G. A. R. circles the Doctor is as well liked as by those who call on his professional services.

The Central Hotel, S. B. Black, Proprietor.—This hotel has been for over twelve years one of the landmarks of the county seat,

having been run for that time by S. B. Black, who is a native of Lima, Ohio. Buses run from the house to the depot, sample rooms are furnished for traveling-men—and with twenty-three sleeping-rooms, and a dining-room that can seat forty to fifty people comfortably, the guest is well taken care of. Few men are more acquainted throughout the county than Mr. Black, and during the term of court his house is filled to overflowing. Courteous help serve to make this house well liked by its patrons,

and at the low rate of one dollar a day it stands deservedly popular.

Mammoth Livery Barn, Cowan & Hunting.—This livery, in point of size and equipment, will compare favorably with any in this section. The barn is 50x120 feet; eighteen head of horses are regularly kept, and the stable can accommodate forty head. Messrs. C. & H. opened here in 1889, and fill a long-felt want. Both are members of the A. O. U. W.

OSAGE CITY.

OSAGE CITY, the metropolis of the county of the same name, was surveyed and platted late in the year 1869, after the route of the Santa Fé Railroad had been fixed, but before it had been built to that point. During 1870 the town grew rapidly, the first regular train passing through in May. In June, 1874, the town was visited by a severe wind storm, which blew down the school house, Catholic and Swedish churches, and several other smaller buildings. On November 2, 1882, the town was visited by a general conflagration, when some thirty-five thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed. Since then the town has had an energetic and solid growth, and of its size, has as much enterprise as any city in Kansas.

Since the Mo. Pac. Railroad made this a station on its main line to Denver, Osage City has had a further increase in wealth and population. The population at present within the corporate limits is about two thousand five hundred, but adjoining are several tracts laid off in residence lots, and swells the population to about four thousand people. The streets are provided with lamps at every corner and are kept in good order. All branches of business are carried on. The educational and religious institutions are of a very strong order.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OSAGE CITY.

First National Bank, Capital \$50,000.—Among the banking institutions of the county, the enviable reputation made by the First National of this city is worthy of mention. Doing a general banking business, and making a specialty of collections, which are quite large for a city of this size, the scope of the bank is wide and comprehensive. D. C. Lake, the president, was born in Preston, Wayne County, Pa. From 1867 to 1869 he was bookkeeper; from '69 to '75, bank cashier at Providence, Pa.; from 1875 to 1885, bookkeeper, and from 1885 to 1890, cashier of the bank until his election to its presidency in February, 1880. The vice president, S. B. Pettee, is a large land owner and hardware dealer. With such men at the financial helm, it is not surprising at the success that has followed this institution, and its customers are loud in praise of the standing it has acquired among the financial institutions of the State.

Kansas Lumber Company.—Scattered throughout this State, at all the important points, may be found branch agencies of our largest Western lumber dealers. A prominent firm in this locality is the Kansas Lumber Company, of which W. C. Edwards, of St. Paul, is the president, and J. McCulloch, treasurer, and Geo. C. May is the manager of the yards at this place. Mr. May is a native of England, and for twenty years has been a resident of this country. Since his assuming charge here, the trade has been largely increased. He carries a large stock of all kinds of lumber, building material, doors, sash, blinds, lime and cement. Paints and glass form important adjuncts to the business. Mr. May is a Mason, and well thought of in this city.

Gem Pharmacy, J. V. Quintin.—Established April 1, 1889, the drug store of J. V. Quintin has secured a firm hold on the public favor, by reason of the new and fresh line of goods carried, and also by the well-known qualifications of its proprietor, who has been six years in this line. Born in New Jersey, Mr. Q. is a practical pharmacist, and looks carefully after the prescriptions, of which he makes a specialty. In Masonic matters Mr. Quintin is quite a prominent member of the lodge, chapter and commandery, while in business affairs he is equally liked for his sterling integrity of character.

The Everest.—This hotel, which is a credit to the town and its owner, reminds one of the famous hostleries of the East. It was built in the spring of 1887 by A. B. Cooper, of New York State. The structure is of imposing dimensions, of brick, three stories in height, contains forty-eight sleeping-rooms, with four large sample rooms. The dining-room is pleasant, comfortably seating fifty. Nine experienced employes are engaged. Heated by steam, and lighted by gas and electricity, we know of no \$2 a day hotel in the State that has a better *cuisine*, more elegant rooms and furniture. Mr. Cooper, the genial and whole-souled proprietor, is part owner, and superintendent of the Scandinavian Coal Company, and director in First National Bank; has a large stock farm on which he has between 400 and 500 cattle; and during the war was a gallant soldier in the Union army, and is an active G. A. R. man.

Drake & Sprague, Notaries, Real Estate, Insurance, and Tax Collectors for Osage and

Lyon Counties.—This firm has an experience covering three and one-half years, succeeding by purchase a firm that for five years before had done a large business. Representing seventeen of the most widely-known companies—fire, life, tornado and accident—they can write a policy to satisfy insurance in every instance. Their companies pay claims promptly. Their office is handy, and fitted with every modern convenience. They are also tax collectors. James A. Drake is a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. He served in the 39th Ohio Inf., and was discharged at the close of the war as captain of Co. C. L. S. Sprague was born in Michigan, and is a member of the K. of P. Both the members of this firm are live and energetic, combining good business talent with the interest of this city at heart.

H. B. Hughbanks, Attorney at Law.—A prominent name to all is that of H. B. Hughbanks, who has been practicing law with great success for the past eleven years in this city. Born in the State of Illinois, he served in the army three years, in the 1st Mo. Engineers. After the close of the war, he entered the law school of Ann Arbor University, Michigan, from which he graduated with distinction in the class of 1869. For a number of years he practiced in Ottawa, and was county attorney of Franklin County for two years, from 1877-'79. Since locating in this city he has occupied the position of county attorney, from 1887-'89, and was an active, pushing official. A member of the Masonic order, Mr. H. is a valued member, both of the bar and community.

Stephen Geatches, Dealer in Furniture, New and Second-Hand.—In every community there may be found those who, by a sudden removal to a distance, desire to get rid of their household goods, while may be found others who desire to purchase, at the least expense, the same class of goods. At the place where Stephen Geatches does business may be found a large assortment of second-hand furniture, and new as well, which he offers at astonishingly low prices. A native of England, residing in the United States for nine years, and four months in business, Mr. G., whose wareroom is 25x100 feet, has begun a trade that bids fair to become both large and profitable to him, and a convenience to the people of Osage City.

Chas. S. Martin, Attorney and Counselor at Law.—A prominent lawyer in this city, and one well-known throughout the State, is Chas. S. Martin. This gentleman was born in Indiana, and began the study of law in Iowa, being admitted to practice in 1877. Mr. Martin served in the army, in the 3d Iowa Bat., from which he was mustered out as senior second lieutenant, after seeing hard service in Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. For twenty-four years he has been a resident of this county, and of the city thirteen years; he has been justice of the peace, member of the city council, and school board. He was elected for two terms to the Senate. Mr. Martin stands high among his friends and associates, and combines the polished manners of the gentleman, with the urbanity of the lawyer.

Snyder & Steinhoff, Photographers.—In the "art preservative," this firm have secured a strong hold among the people of this city and county, for the general tone and finish of their photographs, and the low prices that rule. This firm consists of R. Snyder, a native of Pennsylvania, and J. Steinhoff. With commodious and well-designed quarters, having four large rooms devoted to dressing, waiting and working-rooms, there seems to be nothing left in the way of success and profit to these gentlemen. A specialty is made of large work, and a trial order is solicited and satisfaction guaranteed. We would advise all to come here themselves, and bring their friends, so that if accident occurs, there may be the reminder of the loved ones left behind, in the shape of photographs and crayons.

H. N. Shaw, Insurance and Real Estate Agent.—H. N. Shaw is well and favorably known to all our citizens. Representing the following prominent companies, The Underwriters, Home, Germania and Mutual Life, of New York; the Fire Association, of Philadelphia; and Connecticut, of Hartford, Ct., a line of insurance is to be obtained at his office of every form and for every purpose. In addition, he is agent of the real estate and loan firm, S. B. Warren & Co., of Emporia, Kas. As secretary of the Union Building and Loan Association of Osage City, Mr. Shaw has done much to add to its success, and his fifth annual report shows the healthy condition in which it stands. Mr. Shaw established his present business in 1883. By birth he is a Marylander, and was brought up in Ohio, where he was engaged in mercantile trade before removing to this city.

M. L. Campbell, Druggist, whose place of business has for the past fifteen years been a familiar one to all, is a native of Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the 151st Ill. Inf. during the Civil War, serving merit riously. For twenty-one years he has resided in the State; he was four years engaged in running a saw-mill and mining coal. In the drug store a registered pharmacist is employed, and prescriptions are filled from the purest drugs. The store is well fitted up with a stock consisting of drugs, patent medicines, soaps, perfumeries, sundries, paints, oils and glass. As a member of the G. A. R., Masonic, Royal Arch and I. O. O. F. orders, Mr. Campbell is admired equally well in business and society circles by all of his acquaintances.

Colman House.—Few landlords are as popular as C. T. Colman, proprietor of the Colman House, which, in the three years it has been opened, has met with great public favor. It is eligibly located on the central corner of the city, has eighteen rooms, dining room seating forty, sample rooms, billiard rooms, etc. Mr. Colman is a native of Massachusetts, and came to this State in 1854, being then located in Lawrence. At the time of Quantrell's Raid, in 1863, he enlisted in the 15th Kas. Cav., serving through the war, and on Oct. 19, '65, was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth. He was steward of the State Insane Asylum for a long time, until his coming to Osage City, in 1873. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and at the head of the K. of P. order in this place. His hotel is \$1.50 per day.

BURLINGAME.

BURLINGAME is the oldest, prettiest and best town in Osage County; was surveyed by P. C. Schuyler and S. R. Canuff, and christened in 1857. It is now a city of 2,054 inhabitants; was made a city of the third class in 1870; has some of the finest brick and stone business buildings in the State. Burlingame is supported by one of the finest agricultural regions in the State, and is underlaid with coal. Numerous coal shafts are now in operation, and the coal mined is superior to all others in the State as a steam and heat-producing fuel. We are blessed with many secret societies, and all the church denominations of this country hold services here. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé runs through here, north and south, and the Manhattan, Alma & Burlingame runs from here west. The reputation of our city is away up in morality and temperance, and a neater or more thrifty and intelligent people is not to be found in the State. Burlingame has a First National Bank, large dry goods and clothing, hardware, grocery, and drug stores, and in fact a business showing in all lines that cannot be excelled in the State by a city of the same size.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BURLINGAME.

Lund Lumber Co., which is known for its extensive dealings in lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, is successor to Martin Lund, who is manager of the new concern. Owning the Burlingame Planing Mills, this firm are able to supply anything desired for building purposes at all times, and orders from abroad receive special attention. Six employes are at the yard. Mr. Lund, who is a native of Denmark, has resided in this country for twenty years, seven of which has been spent here. As a leading industry, this one ranks high among the business interests of the city, contributing largely to its resources and wealth.

Nelson & King, Grocers.—In these days of adulteration all housekeepers are interested in seeing to the strength and purity of edibles that enter so largely into the economy of the family. Arguing that it is better to buy one's groceries where large quantities are bought, the establishment of Nelson & King is one that must be a favorite. F. M. Nelson is a native of Ohio, a Mason and member of the Modern Woodmen, and also has the agency of the Wells, Fargo & Co. express at this point. He was for many years in railroadng, and as cashier of the Burlingame Savings and Traders' Bank of this city. C. V. King was born in Ohio, and is an Odd Fellow. For eight years he was engaged in printing in Kansas City, Topeka, and in Colorado. Their store they opened in 1888. Their storeroom occupies the first floor and basement in an elegant brick block that is 25x85 feet, while the stock of staple and fancy groceries, queens-

ware, woodware, etc., is unsurpassed in this section.

Irving Haller, Prescription Druggist, Corner Drug Store.—A reliable place at which to purchase drugs, sundries, toilet articles, soaps, perfumery, paints, oils, etc., is the house of Irving Haller, who for nearly six years has been before the people of Burlingame and has built up a prosperous trade. The prescription department forms an important feature of the business. Mr. H. was born in Ohio, and is a leading member of the Masonic order. His store is arranged with new show cases, well suited for displaying the tempting articles kept in stock, while the prices are all reasonable when taking into consideration the quality of the goods.

W. P. Beverly, the Burlingame Flour and Feed Store.—A well-conducted establishment is that of W. P. Beverly, which has had an existence of nine years. This business was originally started as Beverly & Son, succeeded by Beverly & Mings, and then changed to W. P. Beverly. His premises are in first-class order, and with the large stock of flour, mill feed, hay and grain, is always in condition to serve many customers. Mr. B. was born in Illinois, and has two employes, who ably second his ideas. He is an active member of the A. O. U. W. and Masonic orders, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all, both in business or social way.

Wood & Pratt, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Musical Instruments, Carpets, Baby Carriages, Mirrors, Etc.—As leaders in everything pertaining to furniture for the house, office, or store, the firm of Wood & Pratt are the recognized headquarters for this section of the State. In the elegant store, 47x125 feet, into which they have lately removed, ample room is obtained to display the large line of parlor, chamber and kitchen furniture. In sewing machines, they handle New Home, Standard, and Household Union. Special advantages are offered to customers wishing to fit out a house complete. Messrs. W. & P. are favorably known to all our citizens. C. E. Wood, who is a native of Pennsylvania, was during the war captain of Co. C, in the 171st Penn. Vol.; belongs to the Masonic order, and for many years has been engaged in banking, being cashier of the Burlingame Savings Bank and Bank of Burlingame. B. E. Pratt claims Massachusetts as his native State, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen. These gentlemen form a strong combination, which exerts a good influence upon the trade interests of this city.

Sam Shibley, Family Groceries.—This familiar business was established in 1880, and with two competent assistants, Mr. Shibley, who was born in New York, has built up a trade that is a deserving recognition of his push and enterprise. His premises are roomy and the stock is well adapted to the city and country trade. Mr. Shibley was a gallant soldier in the late war,

being a member of the 11th, 2nd and 13th Missouri Cav., a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. He is as efficient in lodge matters as he is energetic in business affairs.

D. J. Fair & Co., Lumber.—Among the prominent firms engaged in the lumber trade, honorable mention must be made of D. J. Fair & Co., who carry an immense stock of building material of all kinds, sash and blinds, builder's hardware, paper, nails, paints, glass, fence posts, etc. They also mine and sell Burlingame shaft coal. D. J. Fair has ten yards and stores scattered throughout the State. The resident partner, H. D. Mosbarger, is a native of Ohio, and was with Mr. Fair a year and a half at Sterling, Kas., and for the last four years has managed here with much success, making the yard a credit to the city's business interests.

Chas. Lyons, Druggist.—No finer location for a drug store could be found than that occupied by Chas. Lyons, in the Bank Block, a room of great depth and width, and by the use of finely-arranged shelving, plenty of show cases, etc., all goods are seen, and the customer can observe the effect made by the good taste of the proprietor. To a stock of drugs, sundries, toilet articles, perfumery and patent medicines, the supply of paints, oils and glass is unusually large; also wall paper, books and stationery. Mr. Lyons has a branch store at Eskridge, Kas. He also has a full line of homeopathic remedies. He is a native of Indiana, and belongs to the Lodge and Chapter Masons.

Wm. Anthony, Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Shoes.—In the five years that Wm. Anthony has been in business in this city, he has developed a constantly-increasing trade, until at the present time he stands at the top in his line for the choicest assortment of clothing, both in ladies' and gentlemen's wear. Having been in the dry goods business since 1869, he is thoroughly versed in all the details that mark the

successful merchant. As his trade grew, Mr. Anthony added an elegant line of boots and shoes, adapted to all customers, old and young. A native of Ohio, Mr. A. enlisted early in the war, and was nearly four years an earnest soldier in the 63d Ill. Inf. A member of the Masons and I. O. O. F., he is as active in society as in business affairs.

The Chase House, L. C. Chase, Proprietor; opposite depot.—A small but pleasant place at which to stop is the Chase House, located close to the depot, a great resort for the men of the Santa Fé Railroad. Mr. Chase aims to give guests that comfort so much desired. He was born in Ohio, and is popular with all. His rate of a dollar a day is very low, as his table and sleeping-rooms, eight in number, are far above the average.

Dr. H. Burrows.—The prominence that has been obtained by Dr. Burrows since his entry into the professional ranks of this city, some six years ago, bespeaks the hard worker and diligent student. Born in New York, he graduated from the celebrated Hahnemann College, of Chicago, in 1879. Prior to his settling in this city he had a successful practice, both at El Paso and Shelbyville, Ill., and since coming to Kansas has succeeded in building up an extensive practice throughout both city and country. The Doctor keeps abreast of the times on all medical subjects. As a Mason, as well as a physician, he is liked by one and all.

The "Times."—Among the newspapers of Osage County, the *Times*, a weekly, published by George Hoover, has a circulation of 1,000. This paper obtained control of the *Democrat*, and since the consolidation has been greatly improved. A large job printing office is also run by Mr. Hoover, and from two to three printers find regular employment. Reasonable prices, joined with taste and first-class material, make this a favorite with the business men of the city.

SCRANTON.

SCRANTON, well called after its Pennsylvania namesake, is one of the busiest little cities in Kansas. It may be said to have been started in 1871, when the first coal shaft was sunk. It commenced shipping the following year. A post office was soon after started, but no more shafts were opened till about 1875, when the town began to grow rapidly. In 1879 there was a rush of capital in here, so that in 1880 the town numbered nine hundred population. Since that time the output of coal has increased largely, there being now seven independent companies, all in a flourishing condition. The population consists largely of miners, and now runs over three thousand souls.

Since the town was originally laid off, six additions have been added. The people here, unlike most mining towns, are a sober, honest and industrious class, with many church-goers. The large school house, with five apartments, was built at a cost of seven thousand dollars. A new

one, on a still more pretentious scale, is being contemplated, as the old school is very much crowded. The town has a good newspaper, and all the lodges of the secret orders have a good membership.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF SCRANTON.

John Cook, Druggist.—One of the attractive places in the city is the drug store of John Cook. Elegantly arranged in its interior appointments, and containing a superior stock of the best drugs, sundries, paints, oils and glass, this store has a fine reputation. It has been established ten years, its large custom requiring the services of an experienced pharmacist. A native of Ohio, Mr. Cook served in the war, in a West Virginia regiment of artillery, with dis-

tion. He belongs to the orders of Masonry, I. O. O. F., and K. of P. Courteous and affable to all, it is not surprising that his trade is of a large volume and his store a credit to the city.

The Scranton Farmers' and Laborers' Co-Operative Association, Groceries and Provisions, Flour and Feed.—The activity shown by the Farmers' Alliance throughout the country in establishing stores has its counterpart in the one which is under the management of J. W. Snyder, who by occupation is a farmer. The store has a liberal patronage, and by the agricultural masses is looked upon with great favor. Here is found the products of the farm at prices a trifle lower than elsewhere. Selling groceries, etc., at the lowest possible prices, the stockholders are thus enabled to procure their supplies at much less cost than could be done at any other regular grocery store, and since this place has been opened to the public, its advantage to the consumer has been thoroughly demonstrated.

J. M. Ennis, M. D.—A leading physician in Scranton is Dr. Ennis, who has been a resident of the State for twelve years, and in this city four years. A native of Kentucky and a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine, a close student and a thorough practitioner, few men enjoy a larger acquaintance among all classes than Dr. Ennis. In regular practice he finds his time well taken up, but as a member of the K. of P. occasional demands are made upon him.

C. W. Mead, Druggist.—A recent addition to the business interests of the city is the drug store established in December, 1889, by C. W. Mead, a native of Putnam County, N. Y., who has been a resident of this State since 1879, and in the drug trade for the past seventeen years. Thoroughly familiar with all the details of the drug business and with a pleasing stock, adapted to the wants of the local trade, this place is popular with all. Mr. Mead belongs to the Masonic order, and is reckoned as one of our leading and upright residents.

E. A. Gildner, Scranton Bakery and Confectionery.—For two years past a large and lucrative trade has been given to the bakery, fruit and confectionery store of E. A. Gildner. At his place may be found a lunch counter supplied with every description of eatables. The neatness and care shown by the proprietor in all

his belongings are attractive to customers. A native of Germany, and having been eighteen years in this country and five years in Scranton, Mr. Gildner is well known as a frugal, reliable and industrious citizen, who enjoys the esteem of all our residents.

The Merchants' Hotel was opened to guests in 1884, by Thos. R. Evans, a native of Wales, and who for forty years has been a resident of the United States. While traveling in the West several months for his health, the house has been well looked after by Mrs. Evans, and no trade has been lost. Eighteen rooms are in the house, and the guest is made to feel at home by the desire to please on the part of Mrs. Evans. Good beds, well-prepared food, and polite attention, together with the low rate of a dollar a day, make this hotel a favored one in the city and county.

B. F. Irvin, Post Master.—The present incumbent, B. F. Irvin, has acceptably filled the position of post master for about a year. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and has resided nine years in the State. Previous to his removal to Kansas, Mr. Irvin was engaged in the mercantile business in Pennsylvania, being also post master from 1869 to 1879. Upon removing to this State he again entered merchandising, continuing in the same until appointed post master here. During the war he was a member of the 50th New York Engineers, being one of seven brothers, all of whom served in the Union army. He belongs to the G. A. R. and Masonic orders.

Mrs. R. Nelson, Millinery.—To not know this lady or her place of business is to confess one's self a stranger in this county. Since the first of 1888 she has been the leading milliner, and at her tastefully-arranged parlors the ladies find every kind of hats, ribbons and notions so dear to the average feminine heart, at prices that always ensure rapid sales. For ten years she has been a resident of the State, and was borne in Prince Edwards Island.

Michaels & Ryan, Market.—To these gentlemen belong the distinction of keeping the only market in town, and since their opening up for business last fall a large trade has been enjoyed. Messrs. F. M. Michaels and M. W. Ryan are natives of Ohio, and have been engaged in farming prior to entering the market business. With a full line of the best meats that can be procured their success is already assured.

GARNETT.

GARNETT, county seat of Anderson County, is a city of over twenty-two hundred inhabitants within its corporate limits. The additions adjoining the city proper contain about five hundred inhabitants. The city is located near the center of the county, on high rolling ground, with broad, beautiful, well-shaded and well-graded streets, with a beautiful park around which are solid rows of substantial brick and stone business houses, some of which are as large and fine as can be found in the State.

The railroads are: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé (Southern Kansas division), from Kansas City eighty-two miles distant, to all points in Southern Kansas and Texas; the Missouri Pacific, from Kansas City to Wichita and Colorado; the Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota, from Fort Scott (fifty miles from Garnett) to Topeka (eighty miles). There are ten church buildings and twelve organized churches, two large brick school houses in which ten teachers are employed in the public and high school. The large

two-story stone furniture factory gives permanent employment to about twenty-five skilled mechanics and laborers, and does an immense business. The two-story stone canning factory, erected in 1888, does a very large and successful business during the fruit season. The city is proverbial for its beauty of location, the intelligence, sociability and morality of its citizens, and the stability of its general business. It is surrounded by a rich farming country, with plenty of good building stone, excellent water and close to first-class timber. In July, 1890, the city voted thirty thousand dollars in twenty-year bonds to erect a system of water works for the city. The bonds were sold at a premium of seventeen hundred dollars cash, and the work of building the water works has commenced and will be completed this year. The city has no other bonded indebtedness.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GARNETT.

Chas. W. DeWolf, Manufacturer of Bank and Office Furniture, Pews, Pulpits and Lodge Furniture.—Among the manufacturing industries of the State, none are better known for excellence of work than the furniture factory of Chas. W. DeWolf. The factory, which is a three-story brick building, covering a space of 40 feet by 100, is run by steam power, and provided with machinery of the most improved patterns. This concern employs twenty-one skilled workmen, and is the most important manufacturing industry in Anderson County. Its products find a ready sale in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas. A leading specialty with this firm is the manufacture of bank furniture; the banks in this city had their work all done at this place. Since 1884, when the factory was established, its orders have always been ahead of its capacity for production. The foreman, J. S. Wilson, has been with this firm for five years, and is a native of West Virginia—the right man in the right place. Mr. DeWolf, the proprietor, is one of our best-known and most progressive citizens, and does much to build up his city, through the manufactory he has established.

Anderson County National Bank.—The resources of a city may be pretty nearly gauged by the number and kinds of banks it contains. Garnett is well provided in this respect, and among its institutions a notable one is the Anderson County National. This bank was made a national one on the 27th of May, 1889, with a capital of \$50,000, and its undivided profits, since its opening, have reached the snug sum of \$5,800. The directory consists of gentlemen well adapted to manage an institution of this character. The president, John Hall, is a native of New York State; the vice president, T. D. Smith, who hails from Iowa, and the efficient cashier, J. F. McKinney, who is also a director of First National of Stafford, was born in New York State; assistant cashier, J. H. Slicer. The bank is well located at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets, and its exterior and interior pre-

sent a fine appearance. There are three rooms in the bank, and the fixtures are elegant and durable, having been made in the city. The bank is now contemplating some changes that, when completed, will add to its elegance. The wisdom and conservatism shown by the management are indicative of a long and successful career.

Johnson & Johnson, Attorneys at Law.—Few legal firms in this section are better known than Johnson & Johnson. Messrs. W. A. and J. G. Johnson are natives of Indiana and Missouri respectively. The senior has been in practice here since 1858. During the war he was in the 15th Kas. Cav., having the captaincy of company M., and at its close was made major by brevet. In 1873-74 Major Johnson was a member of the State Senate, and in 1876 was presidential elector. The co-partnership was formed in 1885 when the junior member was admitted to the bar. Their office, in the second floor of the bank building, consists of three rooms fitted with modern conveniences. Their library contains nearly 3,000 volumes. Two type writers are used in the drawing up of briefs, etc. These gentlemen do a large and lucrative practice in State, federal and supreme courts. Mr. J. G. Johnson is also a notary public, while in Masonic circles Major Johnson is a prominent member. This firm is a power in the county, and represents the legal interest of Garnett in a superior degree.

H. W. French, Dry Goods and Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Etc.—The history of this store, and its enterprising proprietor, is almost a history of the town. Mr. French is a native of Ohio, and during the war was a member of the 155th Ohio Inf. Eighteen years ago he started his present business, and at his store, which is of brick, 25x75, adjoining the Anderson County National Bank, may be found the largest assortment in the county, of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and furnishing goods. Everything is selected with care, and betokens the judicious buyer, so that one never finds anything that is unsaleable or shopworn. Mr. French looks carefully after his business, and therein may be found the reason of his success. He belongs to the Masonic order, and in all matters, business and social, is one of Garnett's progressive citizens.

The Farmers' Banking Company.—A recent acquisition to the financial interests of this city is the Farmers' Banking Company, located under the Fourth Avenue Hotel. Its officers are: J. H. Beatty, president; A. H. McKittrick, vice president, and J. M. Bower, cashier. Established March 18, 1890, the bank started out under favorable auspices, with a capital stock of \$50,000. For ten years past Mr. Beatty, who is a native of Ohio, and served for three years in the 96th Ohio Inf., in the late war, has been engaged in the private loan business, being known as a financier of more than ordinary ability. Mr. McKittrick claims a large circle of acquaintances, as a successful farmer and stock-raiser; while Mr. Bower, the polite cashier, is a native of Illinois, was in the United States navy, and has spent most of his time in banking

houses, where he has been thoroughly drilled for the duties of his position. With such men at the helm, our citizens may well feel interested in a bank that adds so much to the standing of this thriving city.

Geo. W. Iler, Real Estate, Loans, and Insurance.—The insurance agent, who by his aid places the weak and powerless in the same class as their more wealthy neighbors, should be regarded in the light of a public benefactor. The insurance record of the past is a succession of revelations. In the exigencies of business, the liability of accidents, and sudden deaths, how many deserving families would be left to the cold charity of an unthinking world, were it not for the blessings it brings, and an intelligent person, who so far forgets the possibilities of the future, as to not have either on his life or property a reasonable amount of insurance, wrongs not only himself, but his family, and those dependent upon him. One of the best known, in this line, is Geo. W. Iler, who for nearly twenty years has been a prominent figure in insurance circles. Establishing his office in 1871, Mr. Iler, who is a native of Woodsboro, Frederick County, Md., first came to this State in 1857, and located at Leavenworth. In 1859 he removed to this place, and since that time has been one of the city's prominent men in business matters. Mr. Iler has one employé, and represents six of the leading insurance companies of this country; attends also to the paying of taxes, making collections, examines titles, and a general real estate business, while his life-long experience in these matters is a guaranty of faithful performance, satisfactory to his many customers.

John S. Mason, Farm Implements and Fresh Seeds.—In an agricultural county the requirements for a first-class implement house are needed more, perhaps, than any other branch of business. Such an establishment belongs to Garnett, and is owned by John S. Mason, who is known to all our farmers by reason of the dealings he has had with them in the past ten years. His store is located opposite the St. James Hotel, and is 50 feet wide by 75 feet deep, containing a large stock of carriages, wagons, carts, buggies, sulkies, etc., while in farm implements, machinery, repairs, plows, planters, mowers, drills, reapers, binders, etc., the stock is complete. Mr. Mason is a native of England, but for twenty-two years has been a resident of the United States. From two to five employés are kept, and their time is divided between the warerooms and on the road. This business is of long continuance, several firms having successively sold out, and in 1886 Mr. Mason purchased his partner's interest, and since that time has had a large and constantly-increasing trade.

Fourth Avenue Hotel, A. Burson, Proprietor.—Garnett has, in the Fourth Avenue Hotel, a place of entertainment for guests that does credit to the city and its proprietor. Looking out on the Public Square, its rooms are all desirable. The building is brick, three stories, supplied with water furnished by wind-mill power. It has forty rooms, sample rooms for traveling-men, and a 'bus to all trains, day and night. The dining-room is of large proportions and can eas-

ily accommodate fifty guests. Mr. Burson is a native of Ohio, and has resided in the State for seven years. For three years he ran the St. James, but took the Fourth Avenue four months since, it being larger and better adapted to the wants of trade. Nine employés are required, and it is, without doubt, one of the nicest two-dollar-a-day hotels in this section of the State.

C. E. Smith, Hardware, Furniture, and Undertaking Goods.—One of the largest stores in the city is the hardware and house-furnishing store that was opened in February, 1890, by C. E. Smith, who was born in Ohio, and recently removed to Kansas. Four employés are required to attend to the different departments of the business. Two floors are taken up with the immense stock, and as this stand has been in existence for twenty years, doing the same business, the location is well known to every one in the county. A tin-shop is in the rear, and such work as roofing, guttering and spouting, is done. In stoves, Mr. Smith carries the celebrated Charter Oak, and Bridge & Beach's goods.

The First National Bank of Garnett.—This bank dates back to 1870, when it was known as the Anderson County Savings Bank, having been started by Hon. John R. Foster. It has a capital of \$75,000, and surplus of \$20,000. Its directory are men whose names are synonyms of financial strength and commercial probity throughout this section of the State. President, John R. Foster, a native of Tennessee, who served in the late war, has been mayor of the city for two terms, and is a banker of long standing. R. H. Moore, vice president, is a native of Ohio, and one of our county's leading farmers and stock-raisers. Messrs. Ed. L. Foster, the efficient cashier, and A. D. Sowerby, his assistant, are natives of Missouri and England, respectively, and well understand the business. In July, 1883, this became a national bank, and is the designated county depository. With an honorable career, extending over a period of twenty years, its history has been marked by a careful management, that makes it one of the strongest banks in the eastern part of the State.

G. M. Everline's General Insurance Agency, Room 4, Kirk's Block.—No class of men fill a more important position in any city's industries than the insurance agent. Certain is it, that to be a successful agent requires qualities that are bestowed upon but few. A conspicuous example of the successful insurance agent is afforded by glancing a moment at the career of Geo. Everline, of Garnett, who was born in Bavaria, and has been a resident of this country since 1838. In the Rebellion Mr. E. served in the 11th Kas., and opened his office for the public's patronage in 1866. From the first his success has been marked, while to-day his office, in the new and elegant Kirk's Block, is one of the finest in the State, and the companies he represents are among the leading ones of the country. All losses are paid promptly without delay, and the public, knowing this fact, show their appreciation by placing many risks in his hands. Mr. E. is a prominent member of the Masonic order and G. A. R.

Kirkton, McWilliams & Russell, Hardware, Stoves, Glidden Barb Wire, Furniture, Carpets and Curtain Goods; north side of Square.—One of the best-appointed stores in this county is that which we are about to describe. This enterprising firm established their present business in February, 1889, and have succeeded far beyond their expectations. Their store is the largest in town, the premises of brick occupying a double store 60 feet wide by 110 deep, well arranged with shelving, and an office with everything for facilitating business, while in the rear they have a wareroom 18x50, containing barbed wire and bulky articles. A tin-shop and furniture workshop are also here, while on the second floor is a large stock of furniture and undertaking goods. In stoves, refrigerators, baby carriages, kitchen and house-furnishing goods there is everything requisite. In shelf and builder's hardware, cutlery, nails, etc., the stock is immense. Equally fine is the furniture department. Caskets, coffins and trimmings form no inconsiderable portion of the firm's trade. Mr. J. A. Kirkton is a native of Ohio, but has been located in Ohio, Missouri and Kansas respectively. John McWilliams is a native of Ohio, likewise Mr. L. D. Russell, and a member of the A. O. U. W. These gentlemen form one of the strongest business combinations in the county, and add greatly to the solid strength of Garnett.

M. L. White, Abstracter, Real Estate, Loans, and Insurance.—In a State like Kansas, where real estate changes hands so often, the business of an abstract office is generally the scene of much life and activity. M. L. White, who conducts one of the largest real estate offices in the county, doing also a loan and insurance business, has in his office the only complete set of real estate abstracts in the county, and as a matter of fact all real estate deals are apt to wind up in his rooms. This gentleman, who was born in Illinois, was raised in this State, having been a citizen since 1859. In 1883 he opened up this business, which since then he has carried on with great success. Representing the Home Insurance Company, he is at all times prepared to write up insurance at as low rate as can be had from any first-class company.

F. A. Herbert, Jeweler.—For nearly thirteen years this has been occupied as a jewelry store by the Herbert Bros., and as the leading establishment of its kind in town, has been a most popular place at which to purchase watches in gold, silver and nickel; clocks of all kinds, jewelry of every conceivable design, with silverware for the dining-table, or as presents to one's friends. The present proprietor is F. A. Herbert, who as a practical watchmaker and repairer has no superior. Mr. Herbert is a native of Ohio; he is as well known for his sterling worth as are his goods noted for their value and lasting qualities.

S. Durall, County Clerk.—The name of S. Durall is one of prominence in Anderson County. Capt. Durall is now serving his second term, and the affairs of his office are managed with much skill, and reflect much credit on his business ability. He is assisted by his son, D. C.

Durall, a native of Illinois, and who has been in the office for three years. County Clerk Durall was born in Illinois and was formerly engaged in farming. For twenty-two years he has resided in this State. In the war he served gallantly as second lieutenant of Company D, 99th Ill. Inf. He is a Royal Arch Mason and member of the G. A. R. orders.

Ed. F. Ewing, Register of Deeds.—One of the popular county officers is Ed. F. Ewing, register of deeds. This gentleman, who is a native of Ohio, has been a resident of the State eighteen years, having spent seven years in farming and eight in merchandising at Colony. During the war he was a member of the 31st Ohio, second lieutenant of Co. H, and afterwards re-enlisted in the 10th Ohio Cav., three years' term of service. Mr. Ewing is now serving his second term as register, thus showing the confidence in which he is held for his thorough and business-like way of attending to the duties of his office. He is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and a member of the G. A. R.

B. R. Porter, Probate Judge of Anderson County.—This efficient public official is a native of Michigan, and has been a resident of Kansas since 1881, having been engaged both in farming and in insurance. He was elected to this office in November, 1888, and took possession January, 1889. Judge Porter saw much service during the war as second lieutenant of Co. F, 20th Mich. Inf., in the Army of the Cumberland and Potomac. As an official he is approachable and of a genial nature; is a member of the Masonic order and G. A. R., and is one of the leaders in all matters of public and private good.

T. W. Houston, Groceries and Queensware.—One of the prominent grocery stores is that occupied by T. W. Houston, adjoining the Farmers' Banking Co., on the north side of the Public Square. For some years this stand has been used for this line of business, and when Mr. Houston bought it out some twelve months since, he found a large trade waiting him, which he has by judicious management greatly added to. In connection with a full line of staple and fancy groceries, Mr. Houston keeps a complete stock of glass and queensware, and occupying the large wareroom to fullness that is 25x125 feet. He makes a specialty of flour. Mr. Houston is a native of Pennsylvania, and employs one salesman, with whose assistance he is enabled to supply the wants of all his many patrons.

A. B. Kauffman, Books, Stationery, Periodicals, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc.—A notable store of its kind is that of A. B. Kauffman, who in June of this year succeeded his father, S. Kauffman, who for a long time had run this business in a successful manner. Mr. A. B. is a native of Illinois, and one of the enterprising young men of the city. His store is fronting the Public Square, and covering a space 25x100 feet. Everything in books, stationery, inks, and office supplies, with all the leading American and foreign journals and magazines, may be found on the counters. The flattering patronage that has been accorded this house in the past, is a sure indication of the esteem in which both house and proprietor are held by the people of Garnett.

T. H. Harder, Attorney at Law, Real Estate and Collection Agent.—Among the names that are prominent in the practice of law in this county is that of T. H. Harder. This gentleman was born in New York State, and for the past seven years has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, with great success. He studied at the Union College of Law, in Chicago, from which he graduated in the class of 1876. In addition to his law practice, he deals in real estate and loans, and represents the Union Insurance Company, of San Francisco, Cal. Having many advantageous bargains in real estate, a visit to his office will repay the farmer or capitalist. Mr. Harder, besides being a busy man, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons, Royal Arch and Knights Templar.

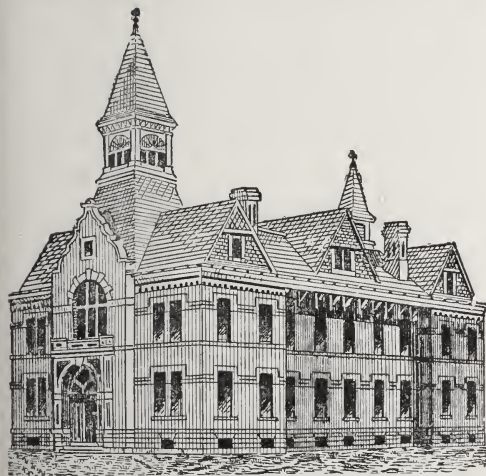
M. E. Brigham, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps.—Few stores in this part of the State contain so complete an assortment of foot-wear for all ages, sexes and conditions of life as the establishment of M. E. Brigham. His place of business is crammed with the immense stock he carries, and one can find something that is "just

the thing" for wear, use and display. In addition to boots and shoes, a full line of hats and caps is kept, this store being headquarters for this class of goods. Mr. Brigham, who is a native of Ohio, established his business here about seven years since. Previous to his coming to Kansas, he had been for a long while a wholesale dealer in dry goods and groceries. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and one of the city's most enterprising men.

"The Weekly Eagle," W. A. Trigg, Editor and Publisher.—A strong factor in the molding of public opinion is *The Garnett Weekly Eagle*, the official county paper. This newspaper is Republican. It was established in 1885, and was taken by its present owner March 1, 1887. It has now a circulation of 700, and is one of the best mediums for advertisers. In connection with the paper is a large job office, employing four men. Editor Trigg is a native of Kentucky, and for thirteen years has resided in Kansas. For four years he was probate judge of Linn County, and has an extended acquaintance through the State, with the leaders of the Republican party.

MOUND CITY.

MOUND CITY is one of the picturesque and historic cities of Kansas. It is beautifully located. On the east and south are towering mounds, covered with beautiful timber; while on



LINN COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

the northwest runs Little Sugar Creek; and beyond this, as far as eye can see, lies country rich for agricultural purposes. A little of Mound City's early history may perhaps be in place here. In the spring of 1857, Dr. J. H. Trego, Edwin and T. E. Smith, moved to the vicinity of what is now Mound City, and started a saw-mill on the bank of Little Sugar, where now is located the Mound City Roller Mills, now operated by T. E. Smith, mentioned above as one of the founders of the saw-mill.

The town site was located in 1855 by D. W. Cannon and Ebenezer Barnes. The town company was organized in 1857, with Chas. Barnes, president, J. H. Trego, secretary, and T. E. Smith, trustee. Of the officers of this pioneer town company, J. H. Trego and T. E. Smith remain citizens of the town they established. D. W. Cannon and Chas. Barnes are prosperous farmers, living in the vicinity of Mound City. The original town site consisted of 240 acres, and was surveyed in 1857. Chas. Barnes erected the first store building in 1857, and it was used as a store and post office, Mr. Barnes being the first post master of Mound City.

The first birth in Mound City was that of John F. Barnes, son of Chas. Barnes, and resides on a farm just south of Mound City. The first death was that of Ebenezer Barnes, one of the founders of the town, October 17, 1858. The first marriage solemnized was that of J. S. Atkinson, to Miss Maria Mannington, in 1858. After many bitter contests with rival towns, Mound City succeeded in securing the county seat, and now has one of the most elegant court houses in the State. Mound City has three churches—Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, and Baptist.

Three newspapers are published in Mound City—*Mound City Progress*, *Linn County Clarion*, and *Torch of Liberty*. The two first named are Republican in politics, while the latter is a People's party paper. In the line of manufacturing, Mound City has the Mound City Carriage Works, a new institution, which bids fair to become a permanent and paying institution, and the Mound City Roller Flouring Mills. Other business enterprises may be enumerated, as follows: Eight grocery and dry goods stores, two hardware stores, two drug stores, two book

stores, two tin shops, two furniture stores, one harness shop, two livery stables, two hotels, two restaurants, one clothing house, one photograph gallery, two barber shops, three law offices, two real estate dealers, one public library, four blacksmiths, and the usual number of secret and fraternal organizations.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MOUND CITY.

T. E. Smith, Proprietor of the Mound City Roller Mills.—Among the industries of Mound City which deserve favorable notice in our work, we notice especially that of the Mound City Roller Mills, established thirty-three years ago. They have always maintained a high reputation, so much so that they have no competition, being the only mills of the kind here. Three hands are employed in the building, which is fitted up with the most approved machinery. The proprietor was born in Pennsylvania and has been in this business most of his life. He is the efficient mayor of the city. He is a gentleman well known and respected, and his long experience and general reputation entitle his mills to be regarded as one of the first concerns of Linn County.

J. B. Johnson, Druggist.—No druggist is so well known in this section as J. B. Johnson, who bought out the store in 1866. The premises occupied (in the main part) are 20x30 feet. The stock of drugs is fresh and pure, and are compounded with care. Besides, he carries a fine line of toilet articles, perfumery, fancy soaps, etc. Mr. Johnson was born in New York, and has lived in Kansas since '63, previous to which he lived in California for ten years in mining. By giving prompt attention to the wishes of patrons, he has made his business a prosperous and growing one.

Kincaid & Bro., General Merchandise.—This influential house was established in November, '62. They occupy two stores—one for groceries and queensware, 21x50 feet, while the other, used for dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, etc., is 25x80 feet. They sell everything usually found in a strictly first-class house of the kind. Mr. Robert Kincaid and his brother are natives of Ohio; the latter presiding over the fine general merchandise establishment at Pleasanton, Kas. Five hands are employed at Mound City. The success in life of these gentlemen has been the result of their sterling principles of commercial probity and honor.

Howard T. Smith, Attorney at Law.—The practice of law calls into requisition more variety of talent than any other business or profession. Mr. Howard T. Smith has lived in Kansas all his life, having graduated from the Kansas State University in 1882, and from the law department in 1884, since which time he has been successfully practicing. He studied his chosen profession with J. W. Green, of Lawrence, Kas. Mr. Smith is a Mason. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity, and the confidence of the people.

Citizens' Bank.—Mound City is especially favored in the management of her banks. The leading, the Citizens' Bank, county depos-



itory, has a capital of \$50,000, and was organized in 1887. A general and prosperous banking business is transacted; prompt and careful attention given to collections. Robert Kincaid, president, has been a banker twenty years. H. W. Underhill, cashier, a native of Linn County, Kas., has been engaged in banking since 1885. He graduated in 1884, from the Lawrence Business College, where he obtained the gold medal, the highest average grade for that year. As cashier, Mr. Underhill has given all possible satisfaction to the public and the bank officers. The Citizens' Bank is a credit to its management, and an honor to the city.

J. H. Trego, Real Estate Agent and Notary Public.—Among the conspicuous and firmly-established real estate agencies of this section, we notice J. H. Trego's, established in 1869. Besides being an active real estate dealer and notary public, he makes collections and has a complete set of abstract books. Abstracts of title compiled, taxes paid for non-residents, and information furnished relative to lands in Linn County. Mr. Trego was born in Pennsylvania, removing in 1843 to Illinois, in which State he practiced medicine before moving to Kansas, where he has lived thirty-three years. He served during the War in the 5th Kas. Inf., and belongs to the G. A. R. He is a K. T., also a member of Hough de Payen Commandery, No. 3, Fort Scott, Kas. He has taken the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. He is considered in business circles a man of worth and influence, and one who has rendered valuable services to Mound City.

W. A. Eaheart, Clerk of the District Court.—The popular clerk of the district court is a native of Indiana. He was raised in Mound City and has lived in the State twenty-one years. The office of clerk calls for the exercise of such

qualities as good judgment, diligence and carefulness, and Mr. Eaheart is an official who indisputably is possessed of these, and who in his administration has given satisfaction to the representatives of all parties. He is an Odd Fellow, and formerly taught school here. He is a genial and courteous man, eminently worthy of the decided success which he has met with in life.

C. H. Whitaker, Fresh and Cured Meats.—A leading and representative business house of this city is that of C. H. Whitaker, which was established August 14, 1890. The premises occupied are 18x32 feet. Mr. Whitaker deals extensively in fresh and cured meats, and the fine product which comes from his store has justly gained a wide name for purity and freshness. Mr. Whitaker was born in Ohio, and formerly was engaged in farming for six years in Kansas. He is prompt, reliable and wide-awake, and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

O. P. Watson, General Merchandise.—This popular emporium was established in 1865. The premises occupied are 25x80 feet in extent, two stories. An unexcelled stock of general merchandise is constantly on hand, first-class in quality. Mr. Watson employs two hands. He is a native of New York and came West in 1857. He is prominently identified with the Masons and his large patronage is but a reflex of his capable management.

C. W. Lehman, Stoves, Tinware, Sheet and Metal Worker.—Mr. C. W. Lehman was established in business three years ago. The premises he occupies are 17x66 feet in dimensions. He is by trade an expert tinner and does an extensive business in stoves, tinware, sheet and metal work. Mr. L. was born in Iowa, and is a Mason and a K. P. He is respected in trade circles and has built up a large and fast-increasing business, bespeaking him a bright future.

C. J. Trigg, Post Master.—Among the active and enterprising men to be found in Mound City is Mr. C. J. Trigg. He is a native of Iowa, is well known as proprietor of the *Mound City Clarion*; circulation, 1,084. He has lived here ten years, having formerly farmed. He has proven a happy selection in the capacity of post master, and is very worthy of the success he has attained, and the esteem in which he is held.

W. H. Wright & Son, Groceries and Queensware.—Our pen sketches of Mound City's prominent grocery concerns would be very incomplete without mention of W. H. Wright & Son, which under the present firm name has been established three years. The premises are 24x80 feet, and are amply suited for the display of the excellent stock. Mr. Wright was born in Adams County, Ohio, and belongs to the G. A. R., and served in the 94th

Illinois Inf. The success of the firm has been due to their untiring energy and enterprise.

W. B. Perkins, Meats.—This well-stocked meat market was established two years ago, and from the start has been a success. The premises are 20x35 feet. Mr. Perkins deals in fresh and salt meats, and all product from his place is fresh, of sound quality and moderate in price. He was born in Indiana, where he farmed, and has lived for thirteen years in Kansas. He is a man of business ability and enjoys the esteem of the community.

J. M. Sweeney, Mound City Carriage Works.—The above well-known carriage factory has been established two years, Mr. Sweeney being successor to Sweeney & Keller. He employs seven hands and occupies spacious premises on East Main Street, where he manufactures the finest carriages, buggies, phaetons, spring wagons, using all the latest and most approved styles of Eastern work. Repairing and repainting neatly executed. He has a blacksmith, wood, paint and trim shops. Mr. Sweeney was born in Pennsylvania. He is an I. O. O. F., and formerly lived at Fort Scott, Kas. He is enterprising and has built up a business steadily on the increase.

R. F. Wilbur, Attorney at Law.—Of a concise and methodical disposition, Mr. R. F. Wilbur has been successful as a lawyer. He was born in New York, and raised in Illinois. He graduated in 1878 from the law school of the University of Wisconsin. He is identified with the Masons. He is diligent in working at his cases, and it is safe to place business in his hands.

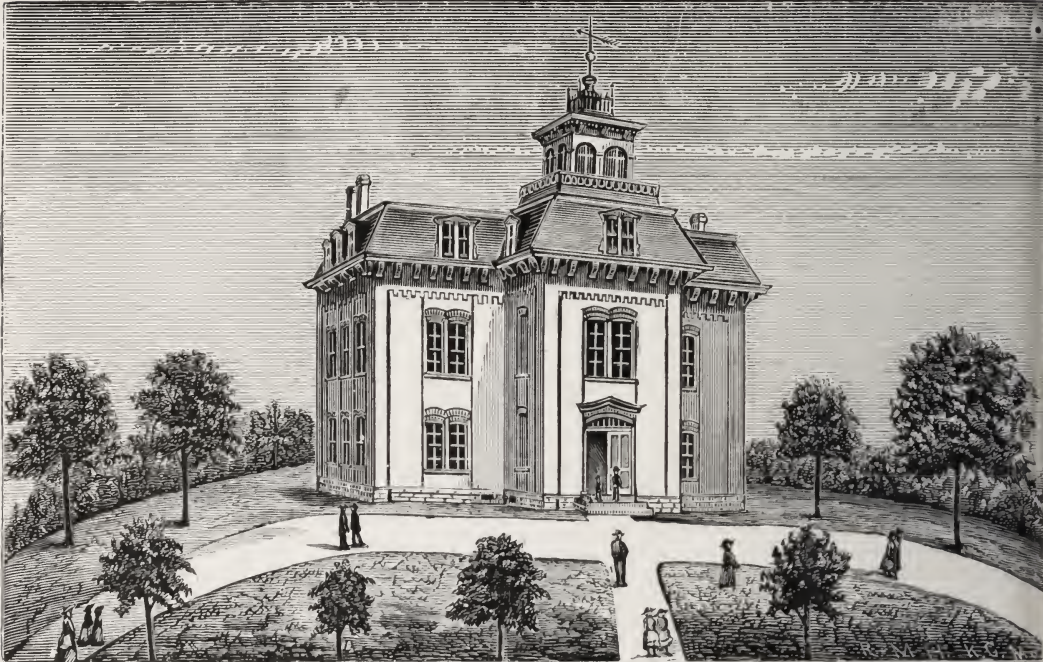
Moody Bros., Lumber and Building Material.—This well-known firm has been established twelve years. They deal in lumber and building material; lime, sand, plaster, cement, hair, tiling, paints, oils, laths, shingles, sash, doors, mouldings and blinds. Robt. K. Moody was born in Woodson County, Kas., and lives at Lawrence, Kas., where he is treasurer of the State University. Ralph W. Moody was born in Mound City. The father of these gentlemen, Joel Moody, is well known as State Senator for this district, and as the author of the "Song of Kansas."

Mound City "Progress."—One of the most substantial establishments in Kansas is that of Campbell & Waymire, proprietors of the *Mound City Progress*. The paper dates back to 1883, is staunch Republican in politics and has a circulation of 600 a week. They occupy a handsome building, have good presses and type, and do all kinds of job work. Messrs. Campbell & Waymire are natives of Missouri and Indiana respectively, and are working for their county and State's advancement.

PLEASANTON.

PLEASANTON is the principal town in Linn County, and the largest city on the line of the Gulf Railroad, between Paola and Fort Scott, a distance of fifty-six miles. Like Jerusalem of old, it is beautiful for situation, located on the high prairie, away from the streams, in one of

beautiful Mine Creek Valley, with its herds and flocks, its green grass and waving grain, its beautiful groves and elegant homes, presents a picture to the eye of the observer which surpasses the masterpieces of artists. There are six departments in the school. Not only are the



PLEASANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

the most salubrious regions of the United States. Malarial diseases are seldom known here, and when encountered they invariably yield readily to treatment. The town was named for General Pleasanton, who commanded the Union forces during the memorable Price Raid, in 1864. It was on the mound that rises abruptly in the center of town that Pleasanton's battery was stationed, and right here now stands an elegant three-story brick school house. It was a beautiful thought, the placing this building on this spot, as a sign that the differences of the past were forgotten; that children of the North and children of the South might play together on the very place where rested the howitzers that sent the shells screaming over into the ranks of the invading army. This edifice was erected in 1871, at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars. This is literally a house founded on a rock, and it took sixty dollars worth of powder to blast for the foundation. The appearance of the school, located on this commanding site, is imposing, and adds to the magnificence of our city. From the school house can be obtained a view of the country for miles and miles around. The

elementary branches taught, but the sciences and some of the higher mathematics and the classics are taught by competent instructors.

There are six churches: Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Christian, United Brethren, Missionary Baptist, and African Methodist.

The city is supplied with water by means of the system of water works constructed in 1884. A large artificial lake, about one-half mile west of town, is the source of the supply. An iron pipe connects the lake with the reservoir on the mound, near the school house. A steam pump forces the water up into the reservoir, which has a capacity of forty-five thousand barrels. The cost of the water works was about thirteen thousand dollars. There is no city in the West possessing a more complete system of water works. Recently bonds have been voted to extend the pipes to parts of the city not supplied with water.

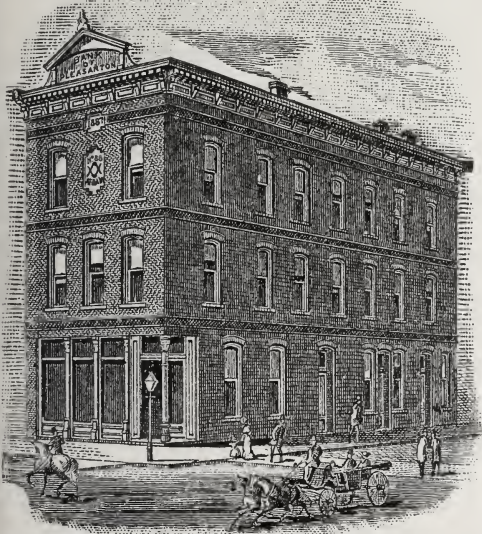
RAILROADS.

The Kansas City & Memphis and the Missouri Pacific Railroads enter Pleasanton. The northern terminus of the Kansas City, Fort

Scott & Memphis Railroad is Kansas City; the southern terminus is Birmingham, Alabama. The Missouri Pacific road furnishes Pleasanton direct connection with St. Louis and Kansas City. It is already completed West as far as McPherson, Wichita and Colorado. This line is of great importance to Pleasanton, and furnishes an excellent outlet for our immense coal supply. These railroads afford excellent mail and transportation facilities. The morning daily papers of St. Louis and Kansas City reach Pleasanton at noon the same day.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS MEN OF PLEASANTON.

Bank of Pleasanton.—Every one understands that the bank is the first and most important thing to give force and stability to business life. The truth of this has been veri-



fied in Pleasanton ever since the opening of this, its leading bank, April 5, 1887. The bank's report, at the close of business July 31, 1890, shows it to be in a most flourishing condition, and well-established against all emergencies and demands:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$33,303 79
Overdrafts.....	955 97
Real estate, furniture and fixtures.....	6,469 41
Expense.....	1,520 75
Sight exchange.....	\$39,096 67
Legal tenders, bank notes, specie....	3,611 64
	<hr/> 42,708 31
Total resources.....	\$114,958 23
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid-in.....	\$50,000 00
Undivided profits.....	3,194 65
Deposits.....	61,763 58
	<hr/> \$114,958 23
Total liabilities.....	

The bank occupies a pleasant building, 25x40 feet in extent, centrally located, and arranged with every modern convenience. The directory

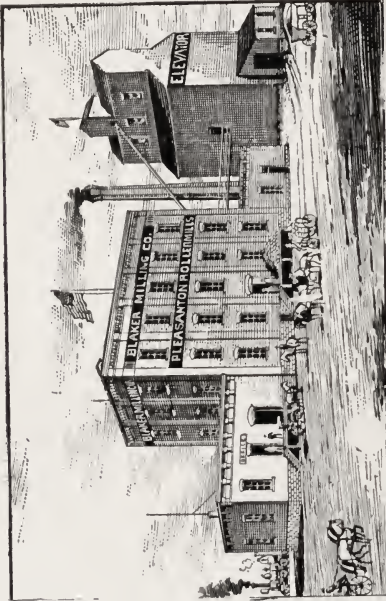
consists of the wealthiest men in the county. F. Wagner, president, is in the hardware business; B. F. Blaker, W. S. Everett, E. M. Tucker, Ben. Ellis, vice president, A. L. Humphrey, W. O. Fuller, Jr., are leading merchants of the town, and universally esteemed. G. R. Saunders, the cashier, and also a director, upon whose shoulders the entire management is well placed, is a man of rare business ability. He is a native of England, and like other sons of Britain, is always true to the trusts imposed on him. The bank has correspondents in all the principal cities, makes collections, and issues exchange on all points in this country and Europe, earnestly solicits business, and attends to every matter placed in its hands, in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Blue & Rich, Attorneys at Law.—Of the names which give strength to the Kansas bar, none are more prominent than Blue & Rich, the most influential lawyers of Eastern Kansas. Their judgment in all legal matters is conscientious and safe. Judge R. W. Blue has been in Kansas since 1867. He is a native of West Virginia, and was educated at Washington College. He sacrificed his desires to finish his course, and entered the army, where he served three years, a member of the 3d W. Va. Inf., and 6th W. Va. Cav. As a soldier he was self-possessed, and a friend to his comrades. After the war he came West, locating in Pleasanton. Returning to the hope of youth, he was admitted to the bar in the year 1867. He was probate judge two terms, has been district attorney four years, State senator from district eleven four years, and from district five four years. In each position he has shown himself true steel, and has kept the trust imposed. He is a brilliant speaker, pathetic in argument. He is a K. T. Mason and I. O. O. F. Daniel Rich was born in Green County, Pa., and reared in West Virginia. He graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1878, after which he studied three years, graduating from the law department of the University of Virginia in 1881. He is a talented man, and has a brilliant future before him, not only brilliant but useful. He came West in 1881, and has practiced here nine years. He combines with his knowledge of law, financial ability and prudence. He has been county attorney four years.

B. F. Blaker & Co., Lumber and Grain.—Nowhere can we find a more enterprising firm than this. Both members of the firm are from Bucks County, Pa.; B. F., the senior, coming here in 1870, and A. Blaker the year following. In 1870 they bought out J. B. Beaumont, and have enlarged the business until now they have branch yards at La Cygne, Blue Mound, Hume, Sprague, Fontana, and other towns in Kansas and Missouri. They have large yards, and ample sheds, where a full line of all kinds of lumber and building material is kept, such as lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, etc., and millions of feet of lumber. Their annual business in lumber and grain, at their different points, amounts to \$300,000. Mr. B. F. Blaker is also of the Blaker Milling Company, and secretary for the canning company, and the Pleasanton Town Company. He was mayor of the city, and five terms on the council. He did

faithful service for the Union, in the 20th and 8th Pa. Cav.; he is a member of the Masons. Hon. Alfred Blaker is also connected with the Blaker Milling Company. He was elected a member of the Kansas Legislature two terms, and his record as a representative was one of which his constituents are justly proud. The Blaker brothers are true gentlemen, and most able men of business, a substantial support of prosperous and progressive Pleasanton.

Blaker Milling Company.—Next in importance to her grain and cattle interests, Kansas boasts of a milling business, considering her youth and the comparatively undeveloped



state of the country, second to no State in the Union. Of late years, in home and foreign markets, Kansas flour has taken the leading place and commands the highest price in Liverpool and other European centers of trade. One of the best-known mills in Kansas, amply sustaining these statements, is the Blaker Milling Company, of Pleasanton. This mill was built in 1886, with full equipment of the roller-process. It is a substantial four-story building, of brick and stone, 40x60 feet, arranged in every way for carrying on operations expeditiously, and with a view to turn out clean flour. The engine is a Corliss, 125-horse, capacity of mill 125 barrels flour, and 80 barrels meal per day. Their principal brands—"Golden Crown" and "Golden Medal"—sell without difficulty, no grocery store in this section being without them. They also do a large trade all through the Southern States, and run up annual sales amounting to \$150,000. Messrs. Blaker also have an elevator attached to the mill. They buy most of the grain raised in the eastern tier of counties, having elevators at Fontana, La Cygne, Hume, and local buyers at Olathe, Ochletree, Paola, Prescott, Sprague, Blue Mound, Beagle, Parker, and Centerville. They have fifty-two reliable men in their em-

ploy. Messrs. B. F. and Alfred Blaker, the owners of these large interests, stand high in the mercantile and social world. They own the lumber yards separately noticed. They have made every dollar of their large fortune by their own efforts, and it is with just pride we give them prominent mention in these pages.

A. Beeler & Son, Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Etc.—The success that has been achieved by this establishment, since 1883, is the strongest evidence of the public favor it enjoys. The business changed hands in 1886, when Beeler & Son succeeded Whitman & Beeler. Their premises are 25x80 feet, and perfectly adapted to their business. They have on hand at all times a full stock of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, etc., the yearly business amounting to \$15,000. Mr. Beeler, senior, was born in Coshocton, Ohio. He came West in 1879. He was for many years a minister of the M. E. Church, and had a commission in the army. A few years ago his health failed, and he was obliged to forego his ministerial work and follow a more care-free occupation. The son was born in Illinois, and is an active business man. He is agent for the Pacific Express Company.

R. A. Odenweller, Meat Market.—Almost without exception the merchants who acquire the greatest popularity have based their merits of public favor upon the quality of their goods. To this is due the success that has attended Mr. Odenweller in his business during the two years that have elapsed since it was established. He sells all kinds of fresh and salt meats and sausages. His market is cool and clean. Two hands are regularly employed. His business amounts to \$5,000 annually; his general stock on hand \$1,000. Mr. Odenweller was born in McDonough, Ill., and resided there until two years ago. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F., and Woodman.

John F. Cady, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—In a commodious one-story-and-a-half building, used as a livery, feed and sale stable, will be found a genial gentleman, one of Pleasanton's representative citizens. Mr. J. F. Cady was born in Ripley County, Ind., in 1841, and was educated in Mitchell County, Iowa. He became a resident of Linn County, Kas., in 1857, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits for twenty years, after which he located at Pleasanton, and built the handsome stable he now occupies. This building is 32x120 feet in area, kept as neat as the proverbial "new pin." He keeps twenty horses, furnishes hacks for neighboring towns, and turns out what is generally termed a first-class rig. Mr. Cady is an I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and is generally well thought of, having made an efficient mayor for two years, beginning in 1886. He has also served several terms in the city council. He is a thorough horseman, and always makes a customer wish to return to him.

The K. P. Hotel.—The weary traveler in Pleasanton finds indeed a haven of rest in the K. P. Hotel, and an ideal host in its pleasant proprietor, D. S. Fleenor. Mr. Fleenor was born in Des Moines County, Iowa. He is a K. of P. He was a private in the 23d Iowa Inf., in the Southwest, and was at the siege of Vicksburg.

In 1884 he came to Kansas, assuming charge of the K. P. Hotel in 1885. This was the first hotel in town, having been known as the Clifford, till 1884, when it was moved to its present site, and rebuilt. It is now a frame building, two stories, containing seventeen rooms. Four attentive employés assist him. Mr. Fleenor's guests may be compared to those in Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn"—

"Lingering, when forced to go,
And going, when they would remain."

W. W. McCullough, Attorney at Law.—This young and talented lawyer was born and reared in Pennsylvania, graduating from the Kansas Normal School. He came to Kansas in 1881, and taught school five years, and was county superintendent two years. He is a practical thinker, a capable gentleman, and a credit to the community. He is secretary and treasurer for the Pleasanton Coal Company, and secretary of the Pleasanton Town Company; belongs to the A. F. and A. M.

John J. Harris.—Mr. Harris belongs to the pioneers of Kansas and Linn County. He has always been promotive of the progress of the city, and was postmaster a number of years, a member of the city council two years, and in each place acted with judgment and forethought. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and came West early in the sixties, and lived in Colorado until 1865. He served four years and four months in the 1st Colorado Cav. He has lived in Pleasanton twenty five years, and is an active man in the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. fraternities.

The Commercial House is a substantial brick building, 50x100 feet, three stories. It is well furnished, and is considered to be one of the best-conducted hotels of its size in the State. The present proprietor has been in charge about seven months. He has secured an increasing patronage, due largely to the superiority of the table-fare. Mr. Hoogwinkle has been in the

hotel business seven years, in LeRoy, Kas. His wife assists in the superintendence of the house. Mr. Hoogwinkle is a native of Rotterdam, Holland, and possesses the German spirit of thrift and energy. He employs six assistants in the house.

Pleasanton Coal Company, Alfred Blaker, President; W. W. McCullough, Secretary and Treasurer.—No corporation is more appreciated by the people of city and county than the Pleasanton Coal Company. They own a large shaft outside of town, from which they ship large quantities of coal. The mining of coal gives employment to a large number of men. The members of the company are efficient men, and their success is due to their business qualifications.

C. S. Atkins, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Etc.—Among those gallant pioneers who fought to defend our fair State, is C. S. Atkins, who has been connected with the history of Eastern Kansas since the Border War. Early in 1858 he was sent out from Grundy County, Ill., as a Government detective. He served four years in the 2d Kansas Inf., and 6th Kansas Cav., participating in a number of conflicts, losing a limb near Fort Smith. He receives a pension in partial acknowledgment for his services. Now, in the quiet afternoon of his life, we find him, as when a soldier, calm and conscientious, and mindful of others. Mr. Atkins is justice of peace and notary public, having his office in the Pleasanton Bank building. He also acts as collector, and "dispatch" is the watchword of his business life.

"The Pleasanton Herald," J. E. Latimer, Proprietor, is an independent paper, established ten years ago, and has a circulation of 1,800, weekly, the largest in the county. Mr. Latimer is a native of Galesburg, Ill., has lived in Kansas twenty-two years, in Pleasanton sixteen years, and been six years in the newspaper business.

LA CYGNE.

LA CYGNE was started as a town in 1869. Being built in a charming valley its location is delightful. To the north is an imposing ridge covered with timber, from the summit of which may be viewed the entrancing picture of the city beneath, together with the beautiful scenery of the country for miles around. On the west is the Marais des Cygnes River, its banks skirted with a heavy growth of timber. South and southwest are many patches of waving trees, while the north and northwest is the scene of well-tilled fields. La Cygne is surrounded by fertile lands, long brought under cultivation by a thrifty class of farmers. The business men of the town have energy and enterprise, and believe in doing well what they undertake; have worked on a sound basis, and have the reward of knowing that no town on the "Gulf" railroad enjoys a better reputation as a business point. The town has everything a Western city

boasts of: School house costing \$12,000, all the Protestant denominations, a lodge of all the secret orders, a fine opera hall, building associations, two very popular banks, a district fair association, a well-kept cemetery, and the usual lines of business. Numerous coal veins of from 30 to 50 inches have been found underneath and in the vicinity of the town, some of them being worked to advantage. All kinds of timber, clay, lime and sandstone are found in the surrounding country. This is also the sportsman's paradise; ducks, geese, brant, quail, prairie chickens, snipe, turkeys, squirrels and rabbits; occasionally also a fox, wolf or wildcat is brought home. In the Marais des Cygnes and its creeks, the following food fish exist in abundance: black bass, croppies, rock bass, pike perch, catfish, buffalo, sunfish, suckers, perch, drum, eels and tooth herring. The best farms are held at \$20 to \$25, but good can be got at \$10 per

acre, the price being paid for much of the barren soil of Western Kansas. The staple products are corn, oats, wheat, flax, castor beans, timothy, clover and millet; apples are shipped in large quantities; grapes, strawberries, plums, cherries and raspberries thrive.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LA CYGNE.

Linn County Bank.—The prosperity of banking concerns of any city is indicative of an era of commercial progress. The Linn County Bank was organized in 1870, and reorganized as a State Bank in 1887. Capital (paid in) \$50,000. A highly prosperous business is transacted. The executive of the institution is a guarantee of future prosperity and stability. Mr. W. O. Fuller, Jr., a native of Maine, is the able president of this and four other prosperous banks in Linn County. He has been a banker four years, and was twelve years in his native State an accomplished journalist. He is a Mason. Mr. H. D. Gloster, cashier, was born in England, and is also a Mason. He has been seven years in banking in this city. Linn County Bank is a credit to its management, an honor to the city, and yet has a larger and wider field of usefulness.

Blaker & Co., Lumber and Grain.—In compiling an industrial review of this progressive section of Kansas, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded the extensive enterprise under the above heading. Blaker & Co. do an immense business at La Cygne, and at numerous other points in the State, in lumber, building material, grain and flax seed. Their facilities for successfully conducting the business are of an unusually complete character. Three to eight hands are employed at La Cygne, where they have a fine elevator. B. F. and Alfred Blaker reside at Pleasanton, Kas., where they have heavy milling interests. George C. Wynkoop, a native of Pennsylvania, is the able resident partner at La Cygne. He has been twelve years in the business. He is a Mason, and in former days was bookkeeper for eight years in a large dry goods house in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Citizens' Bank of La Cygne.—The financial institutions of La Cygne will compare favorably with similar institutions elsewhere, while their prosperity may safely be taken as an unerring index to the general condition of affairs. The Citizen's Bank was opened October 15, 1889. Capital, \$50,000. Transacts a general banking business. Collections made and remitted promptly. Negotiates real estate loans, discount commercial paper, etc. To the farmers and stock-raisers they offer special inducements, which will be made known on application. It is their intention to conduct the business in as liberal and pleasant a manner as is consistent with safe and legitimate banking, and should parties desire a short-time loan, or one on realty, they will be pleased to make rate known on request. The stockholders are composed of representative business men of Linn County, and are gentlemen whose reputation for honesty and

integrity is unquestioned. Mr. Geo. S. Turner, cashier, is a native of Vermont. He is a Mason, and is one of the old settlers in Kansas. He formerly was engaged in the A. T. & S. F. R. R. for many years. He has shown himself worthy entirely of the responsibility of his position, and is assisted by Mr. A. R. Cary, who was born in Wisconsin, and is a young man of ability and tact.

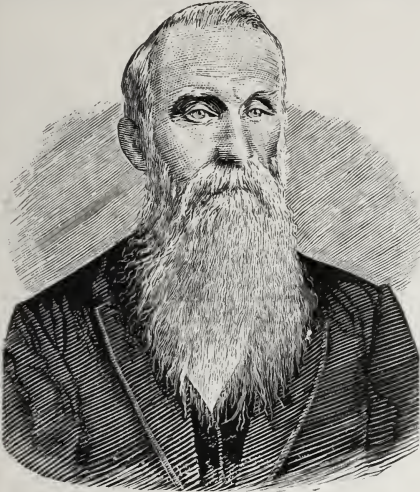
A. Mitzel, Hardware, Etc.—This old-established and influential hardware house was founded nine years ago, and from the inception has had a prosperous career. The premises occupied, in the front part are two stories high, 22x60 feet in extent; in the rear, 30x60, one story. Two salesmen are employed. The extensive stock consists of hardware, stoves, tinware, farm implements, wagons, etc. Mr. Mitzel was born in Pennsylvania; came here from Ohio. He is well-known as the enterprising mayor of La Cygne. He is an I. O. O. F., and has lived in Kansas thirty one years, thus being one of our oldest Western settlers. He is a leading figure in local trade and social circles, and has long been numbered among the city's most highly-respected men.

Mossman Brothers, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, have been established two years and occupy handsome premises, 28x80 feet, two stories, with implement room next door of similar dimensions. They carry a large assortment of hardware, stoves and tinware, and are agents for Walter A. Wood's mowers, reapers and binders, and Landreth's garden seeds. A full line of John Deere implements. They employ four experienced salesmen. The stock averages \$8,000. The Mossman brothers were born in Wisconsin, are Odd Fellows, and have lived in Kansas twenty-one years. They are justly esteemed as among the foremost men of this city.

Starks Grocery Co.—In reviewing La Cygne, it is important to mention that the above company started two years ago. They occupy premises, two stories, 30x120 feet. They employ three hands. They deal in groceries, provisions, flour and feed, and are agents for Stutz & Walker's double center spring vehicles, easiest-riding vehicle in the world. Also agents for Blaker's celebrated flour. The members of the concern are A. F., J. L. and J. J. Starks, natives of New York. A. F. has lived here twenty years; J. L. clerks in his father's dry goods house next door, J. J. Starks's. J. J. Starks has been twenty-one years in dry goods, and belongs to the G. A. R., having been captain and commissary of subsistence, U. S. Vol., during the War.

H. Maurer, Jeweler.—This, the popular jewelry and watch emporium of La Cygne, was founded in 1871. The premises occupied are 20x40 feet in extent, and contain a complete assortment of beautiful wares, including gold and silver watches, clocks, novelties in jewelry, silverware, diamonds, etc. A specialty is made of the famous stem-winding Waltham watches. Mr. H. Maurer was born in Switzerland and came to America in 1870. He is an experienced practical jeweler by trade, employing one assistant. He is an I. O. O. F., and has achieved by merit his position of integrity and intelligence.

The La Cygne Nursery is one of Linn County's largest and most prominent industries.



D. W. COZAD.

It is picturesquely situated, overlooking La Cygne on the north, and commanding a beauti-

ful view of the winding course of the Marais des Cygnes for miles to the southeast. The nursery contains the home and the fruits of the life work of D. W. Cozad, and here is to be found the finest and best assorted nursery stock in Kansas. Mr. Cozad is a native of Illinois, and lost both his parents before he was four years old, and since the age of nine has taken care of himself. At twenty he began his scholastic education and at twenty-five finished at the commercial college at Leavenworth. He then taught school three years and then returned to Illinois to take charge of a large nursery. In 1870 he came back to Kansas, establishing the Home Nursery some miles west of here in Linn County. This continued prosperous till the grasshoppers ate up the entire nursery in 1875. This, in fact, rendered him penniless, but friends persuaded him to come to start these nurseries at La Cygne, where he formed a partnership with A. G. Seaman, whom he five years later was enabled to buy out. These nurseries have ever since continued prosperous, the annual wholesale trade, extending through Kansas and Missouri and into other States, amounting to some \$20,000. Mr. Cozad has built himself up by indomitable energy and close attention to his affairs, and he seldom takes a day away from his pet plants, trees and flowers.

BLUE MOUND.

THIS thriving young city was laid out in 1882. It is located at the junction of the Missouri Pacific lines, from Topeka to Fort Scott, and from St. Louis to Emporia. It is situated on a plateau, the farming country around being a rich, black loam, underlaid with a deep strata of limestone, capable of enduring the severest extremes of heavy rains or prolonged drouth. For this reason a failure in crops is unknown in this territory. Timber abounds. A vein of coal near the surface runs below the town, and is being mined in several places.

On the north of the city is the mound from which it derives its name. The city has a population of some twelve hundred people, who believe in schools, churches, literary and secret societies, and everything denoting a community advanced in its ideas. Three years ago the town was almost completely swept by fire, which burned down all the frame buildings, and since then have been erected the elegant Wolfe, Cazod & Glucklich, and other business blocks. Several fine residences further show this community to be a prosperous one. The principal industrial interest is a creamery; a flour mill is also in successful operation.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BLUE MOUND.

Geo. T. Wolfe, General Merchandise. — A representative mercantile establishment of Blue Mound is that of Geo. T. Wolfe, established ten years, though he has been in the business twenty-three years in all, formerly at Point

Pleasant, Mo., where he was in partnership with his father. The premises occupied are commodious, 40x90 feet, two stories, brick and stone, owned by the proprietor. The stock of general merchandise, averaging \$20,000, is complete, and unexcelled for quality and moderation in price. Eight salesmen are employed. Mr. Wolfe was born in Harrison County, Ind., and is a Mason and an A. O. U. W. He is Blue Mound's efficient mayor. He is a man of extended business experience, and is generally esteemed as among the foremost successful men of the county.

Bank of Blue Mound. — The prosperity of banking concerns in any community is an indication of an era of commercial progress. The city of Blue Mound should feel proud of her banking institutions, foremost among which is the Bank of Blue Mound, organized in 1885 and under the present management since July 1st, 1890. Capital paid up, \$50,000. Associate banks: Mound City Bank, Mound City; Bank of Pleasanton, Pleasanton; Linn County Bank, La Cygne; Eastern Kansas Banking Co., Mound City; Bank of Parker, Parker. W. O. Fuller, Jr., president, resides at La Cygne; C. F. Simmons, vice president, Mound City; B. E. Jennings, cashier, upon whose shoulders the active management of the bank gracefully devolves, was born in Iowa, whence he came here. Mr. Jennings has lived in Linn County since 1884, and formerly was in real estate and loans. As cashier, he has proven himself a valuable factor in the success of the bank. He is ably assisted by his brother, W. A. Jennings. In connection with the bank they have a farm loan

department office, in same quarters and under same management.

Wm. P. Barnes, Post Master.—As post master Mr. Barnes has performed his duties in a conscientious way, both to the public and the Government. He was born in Ohio, and is a member of the G. A. R., and served in the 10th and 91st Ill. Inf. Regts. He has lived in Linn County since 1872, and formerly was well known here in the collection, real estate and insurance business; also farmed considerably. He is a gentleman of high business calibre, an honorable person, whose ably-directed efforts on behalf of this city and county's welfare have become recognized.

F. W. Simmons, Lumber, Hardware, Etc.—Among the largest establishments in this city is that of F. W. Simmons, established in 1885. The well-ordered premises are 25x80 feet, two stories, each used for the business. Mr. Simmons also occupies seven lots, covered with sheds, warehouses, etc. He deals in lumber, hardware, iron, nails, barbed wire, pumps, wagon wood, lime, sand, stoves and tinware, caris, buggies and spring wagons, Fairbanks and Victor stock scales, guns, pistols, ammunition, cutlery, silverware, etc. Possessing ample capital, and buying strictly for cash, he is prepared to duplicate the lowest prices of metropolitan houses, and can offer to the retail trade great inducements. Mr. Simmons was born in New York; is prompt, reliable and wide-awake, enjoying the confidence of the entire community.

B. F. Blaker & Co., Lumber.—Our pen sketches of Blue Mound's leading business concerns, would be very incomplete without mention of B. F. Blaker & Co., who were established at this point in 1883. They are heavy dealers in lumber, sash, doors, blinds, sand, lime, cement, hair, coal, etc. Their many facilities for successfully conducting the business are of a very complete character, enabling them to offer their customers unusual advantages. B. F. Blaker & Co. reside at Pleasanton and La Cygne, Kas., where they have large milling and lumber interests. W. M. Smith, manager at Blue Mound, is a native of Pennsylvania, and has had six years' experience in the business. He has lived in Kansas twelve years. He is a thorough-going man, full of practical knowledge and enterprise, and on his shoulders the success of the firm in this region must entirely be laid.

The People's Bank.—Among the firmly-established banking concerns of this section of the State, is the above, which was organized in July, 1889. The Capital is \$25,000. The growth

and prosperity of the bank has been *pari passu* with that of the city, a great deal, indeed, to claim. President and vice president are Messrs. Allen Thomas and T. J. Stevenson, both well-known farmers here. Mr. M. O. Dick, cashier, was born in Pennsylvania, where he was raised. He has had fifteen years' experience in banking, and has lived here five years. In the responsible capacity of cashier, he has given all possible satisfaction to the public and the bank officary.

J. M. Mills, Drugs.—This well-conducted drug house was established seven years ago. The premises occupied are 24x70 feet. The drug store and prescription department are equipped with every facility for carrying on the business, while the stock embraces a varied and complete assortment of pure and fresh drugs, reputable proprietary medicines, etc. Mr. Mills was born in Illinois. He has been engaged in the business twenty-two years, formerly in Iowa and Illinois, and is fully competent to maintain the high reputation he has made.

W. H. Masters, Photo. Artist.—This gallery has been ably managed by Mr. Masters for seven years. The premises are 30x40 feet. Mr. Masters was born in Kentucky, and is an I. O. O. F. He has been in the business since 1856, and is reaping the benefits of his well-earned reputation, and has no trouble to control the entire trade of the surrounding country, making everything from very small photos, to life-size crayons, pastel, ink and water-color portraits.

Emporium: Cozad, Glucklich & Co., General Merchants.—The popular "Emporium" of Cozad, Glucklich & Co. was established five years ago. The premises occupied are well-appointed, 50x100 feet. The stock consists of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, and everything found in a general merchandise establishment. Mr. Cozad was born in Illinois, and belongs to the M. W. A. Mr. Glucklich was born in Austria, and is a K. of P. Mr. A. Fisher is a native of Austria, and is a Mason, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and M. W. A.; also Degree of Honor of A. O. U. W. They have managed their houses on principles so broad, liberal and straightforward, as to have secured for themselves a consideration as well-merited as it is rarely acquired.

The Blue Mound "Sun" was established in 1883; is Republican in its creed, and has a flourishing subscription list of over 700 a week; the subscription is \$1.25 for the year. Mr. J. N. Barnes, the enterprising editor, is a native of Illinois; he gives liberal advertising rates, and makes a specialty of job work.

FORT SCOTT.

FORT SCOTT is the railroad center and commercial emporium of Southeastern Kansas. Its history extends back to the first occupancy of this region by the military forces of the United States, the scenes of border strife and of the Civil War. In April, 1842, this was made a Government fort; in 1854, the troops were with-

drawn, and the real history of the city began. Soon after a hotel was opened, and in 1855 the first newspaper was established. In 1857, a town company was organized. At the outbreak of the Civil War, when about one hundred men enlisted, the population of the town was not quite four hundred. A military post was re-established

here, and large sums of money were disbursed. At the close of the war, Fort Scott was already quite a jobbing center for the country east and south. In 1868, the Gulf Railroad was completed to the city, and a rapid rise in real estate took place. In 1870, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas built in here. In 1880, the town had a population of six thousand, and to-day it is sixteen thousand. The city has eight public school buildings, models of architecture and interior arrangement; besides several first-class private schools. All the secret societies are well represented. The National Cemetery embraces twenty acres, on a beautiful hillside, south of the city, and here lie the remains of five hundred Union soldiers. A macadamized road, constructed and maintained by the Government, joins the cemetery with the city, forming the beautiful drive known as National Avenue. The street-car service reaches every portion of the city. It has lately been purchased by a syndicate from Iowa, who will make it an electric motor line as soon as possible.

The town has a first-class electric light plant. It operates twelve hundred incandescent lights, besides sixty arcs in stores and sixty street lights.

Fort Scott presents considerable attraction to manufacturers. It is the center of a country where nature has provided plenty of so-called raw material for factories, such as limestone for building and smelting purposes, cement rock equal to the Louisville, clay for all kinds of heavy pottery, fire clay, timber of all kinds in great profusion, sandstone flagging, flax, sugar cane, straw for coarser class of paper, the best of brick clay, broom corn. An inexhaustible supply of coal underlies the entire city; also natural-gas wells abound in the neighborhood. The mines to the south yield abundantly lead and zinc.

The following things would pay here: A starch or furniture factory, smelter, packing house, wagon factory, or novelty works.

Natural gas will soon be the supply of heat in Fort Scott, as the company in the spring will be fully prepared to supply it in any quantity.

The town has first-class water works, supplying amply sufficient for all purposes. The pressure-tower is 120 feet above the highest building. The pumps have a capacity of three million gallons a day; the water is got from the Marmaton River. The plant is the Perkins system.

Fort Scott is specially favored with railroads. The line that takes its name from the town—the

Fort Scott & Gulf, now called Fort Scott & Memphis—has numerous branches into the rich mining and farming section of Western Missouri, and further goes into the very heart of the best section of the Southern States.

It is as becoming a center of the great Missouri Pacific system that Fort Scott has been claiming attention as an improving railroad center. Since this road abandoned the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, they have built new connections south and east, giving the town direct connection with St. Louis and Texas, and making it

headquarters of the Missouri Pacific in Kansas. The Missouri Pacific also runs to Denver and Pueblo on the West, and Kansas City and Omaha on the north. The town is one of the main stations on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. The Gulf road has a fine depot, and the Missouri Pacific is building one still larger and handsomer. Fort Scott has some handsome churches, banks, an active board of trade, one or two hospitals, a public park on the banks of the river, an artesian well, three

daily and four weekly newspapers, opera house, telephone system, etc.



POST OFFICE BUILDING, FORT SCOTT.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF FORT SCOTT.

Hill & Danford, Attorneys at Law.—Perhaps the strongest combination effected in legal circles for many years, was that consummated in May of this year by the partnership of Messrs. J. D. Hill and A. Danford. There has been but little done, contributing to the advancement and general welfare of Fort Scott, in the past ten years, that did not receive either the financial aid, influence or encouragement of Hon. J. D. Hill. He is a large property-owner, and a most enterprising citizen, in addition to being a successful lawyer. The Huntington House, W. & W. R. R., Hill Block, and Hill residence, street railway, sugar works, and many other public improvements, have either been conceived, promoted or executed by him. Mr. Danford is an old historical character in Kansas. He was in the Territorial Legislature, from Linn County, in 1857-'59; member of Leavenworth Constitutional Convention in 1858; enlisted in the regular army at Washington in 1861, in the Frontier Guards, and detailed on President's guard at the White House. He next returned to Kansas, and

served in State militia. In 1864 he represented this county in the State Senate, from which he resigned at end of year. In 1868 he was elected

as any other man. Mr. Cheney is a native of Vermont and came to Fort Scott in 1872. Having a thorough knowledge of law, previously acquired, he was admitted to the bar at this place in that year. He was justice of the peace six years and was elected probate judge in 1880, and was twice re-elected, serving three terms; also United States Commissioner. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Congregational Church. His eighteen years' residence here has established for him a firm standing and he is as much respected as he is well known. He gives as reference over 200 claimants in Bourbon County. Advice is free and no claim for fees unless pension is obtained.

H. W. Pond, Post Master.—Fort Scott prides herself upon possessing one of the finest Government buildings in the West. It was erected at a cost of \$125,000, and was completed in December, 1889. The lower floor is devoted to the postal service, with whose head, in this city, our article has to deal. Mr. H. W. Pond is a native of Wisconsin, and served during the war in Co. C, 3d Wis. Cav. Soon after the close of the war he came to Kansas, and has been for more than twenty years intimately associated with Fort Scott and her upbuilding. He assumed the duties of his office on the 20th of January of the present year. Five employés of the Government assist him in the office, while seven more are employed as carriers for the delivery of the mails; also janitor and engineer of the building. This being a presidential office, Mr. Pond commands a salary of \$2,500 per year. He is a man of large business experience, having been connected with the A. T. & S. F. R. R. in the passenger department previous to his appointment through the patronage of Congressman Funston, of this district, upon petition of the citizens here. His administration has proven most satisfactory to the Government officials and the patrons of the office.

Kansas Normal College, D. E. Sanders, President.—This age is pre-eminently a practical one. The normal school is one of the most practical of all schools. But little time is wasted in a well conducted normal school. The one under consideration stands at the front of the educational institutions of Kansas, and furnishes superior educational advantages, duly appreciated by the people of Fort Scott. The Normal has been established twelve years, and has increased the attendance until it now numbers about 700 students. President Sanders, who is a born organizer, is a man of firm religious convictions, and high moral character, as well as ripe scholarship. He has gathered about him a faculty of ladies and gentlemen of like ability and educational qualifications. The highest compliment that can be paid to this institution is the mere statement of the fact that it exists, and is self-sustaining without endowment or other beneficial fund, in a State renowned for the excellence and number of its free schools. The location in the south part of the city is on high and slightly ground, with surrounding neighborhood composed of some of the best people and most elegant residences of the city. Two large brick buildings furnish working-room for both faculty and students, and the parapher-



HILL BLOCK.

Attorney General of Kansas, serving two years. As an official he was regarded with favor, and during his residence in Fort Scott of fourteen years, has always stood at the head of the bar of this city, and as a citizen he enjoyed, and still retains, the high regard of every one for high principles of conduct and sound legal knowledge.

Hon. O. A. Cheney, Attorney at Law; Pensions.—The liberal policy of the Government in relation to pensions has opened up an avenue for the pension agent, where he can engage in the most laudable of undertakings—that of securing provision for the declining years of the faithful defenders of the Nation's autonomy in the late Rebellion. Mr. O. A. Cheney, one of the representative lawyers of this city, has concluded to devote his time and attention to the old soldiers more assiduously in the future, if possible, than he has in the past. Pension claimants will find him enthusiastic in behalf of the interests of a comrade, and one of their ablest and most persistent defenders. He has been practicing before the Department for twenty years, and can obtain a pension as quickly

nal and apparatus necessary to demonstrate and elaborate upon any scientific subject. The three primary or essential courses—Teachers', Scientific and Classical—all are handled by specialists who are skilled in their distinctive branches of instruction. Many students of limited means have completed courses here, and are now molding destinies which their aspiring dreams had interwoven with victorious laurels. The many special departments, such as fine art, penmanship, stenography, typewriting and oratory, are accomplishing much good. The *Normal Journal* is a monthly devoted to college news and general information about this institution.

The Builders' Supply Company, (Successors to the Jeffries Builders' Supply Company,) W. A. Storey, Proprietor.—Fort Scott and vicinity is rich in resources of almost every character, but her inexhaustible supplies of cement material, lime and fire clay, have a national reputation. The above company are exclusive agents for Fort Scott cement, and their product finds a market all over the country. They also handle Louisville and Portland cement, plaster paris, fire clay, marble dust, tile, hair, sand, and everything that goes to make up the complete stock of builders' supplies. They manufacture cement chimneys, and are proprietors of the Fort Scott Lime Works, where they turn out over 100 barrels of lime per day. Although but three years established, the company has firmly established itself in popular favor by strictly fair dealing with the public. Fort Scott boasts of no single industry that is so well known abroad as its cement works. Four years ago Mr. J. H. Jeffries came to Fort Scott, and took charge as manager of the Missouri, Kansas and Fort Scott Cement Works, located on Clark Street, corner of Third Street. After remaining with this company several years, he relinquished the management of the works, and organized the Jeffries Builders' Supply Company, which is now located in the vicinity of the old works on Ransom Street, near the cement works, and of which Mr. W. A. Storey is now the proprietor. People who intend improving, are to be congratulated on the fact that it is in the hands of this gentleman, who not only knows the wants of the city, and provides for them, but in his dealings is most accommodating and prompt, delivering in all parts of the city without delay. He is sure to satisfy the purchaser, both as to prices and quality, and we commend the intending buyers of building materials, such as they carry, to this company. Mr. W. A. Storey, secretary and treasurer of the old company, and now proprietor of the new, is esteemed for his business application and reputable character. The people of Fort Scott unite in wishing him and his laudable enterprise life-long prosperity.

H. Brown, Merchant Tailor, 119 Market Street.—The American people are the best-dressed nation on the globe. No one will pretend to dress well without patronizing a first-class tailor, and getting a fit, quality and make that will stand the test of time and criticism. Harry Brown has been called the leading artistic tailor of this part of the State. He keeps a full stock of foreign and domestic goods. He keeps

a corps of skilled assistants and can turn out work equal to any in the Eastern cities. An honorable business career of many years has won for him the respect and confidence of the people. An Englishman by birth, Mr. B. has been in America since 1868, and located here the following year. He has thus worked at the business here for twenty-one years.

W. W. Padgett, Attorney at Law.—The Bourbon County bar stands second to none in the State. One of the representative members of the profession, who has the favor of the public and the confidence of a large clientage, is Mr. W. W. Padgett. A native of Ohio, Mr. P. came to Kansas in 1869 and found a most satisfactory location at Fort Scott, where he has since resided. In 1882 he was admitted to the bar, and in July, 1888, entered into partnership with W. P. Dillard, surviving partner of J. H. Sallee.

Geo. E. Ware, Dealer in Lumber, Doors, Sash, Hard and Soft Pine, Oak, Cypress, Poplar, Etc., Scott Avenue and Third Street.—There are few young men who have achieved greater success in as short a time than Geo. E. Ware. He embarked in the lumber business but two years ago, and now has his full share of custom. His yard has a frontage of 150 feet and 120 feet depth. He has a neat brick office and has two sheds running the entire depth of the yard. His stock includes yellow pine, poplar, oak, cypress and soft pine lumber, besides mouldings, sash and doors, blinds, fine brick, lime and sand, plaster, hair, glass, etc. Mr. W. is an old hand at the lumber business, although his own establishment is of late growth. He is always ready to assist in making estimates, etc. He was brought up in Fort Scott, where he is on familiar terms with all, and where all wish him unbounded success.

J. Hafer, Merchant Tailor.—The name of Hafer is associated with well fitting coats and comfortable pants. All gentlemen who desire to be well dressed should call on him. He carries a large stock of suitings and tailor's furnishings. He has an elegant establishment on Wall Street, where he keeps several hands employed. He hires none but skilled workmen. His patrons are the best people of the town and his work pleases all. It is not worth while to patronize custom-made dealers and wear hand-me-down clothing when one can get a guaranteed fit of best quality and make, and at the same time patronize a home enterprise. Mr. H. has put a steam cleaner in his basement and thoroughly cleans and renovates clothing. He has an experienced man, Mr. John Sheffler, in charge of this department. Also, he will repair clothing in a workmanlike manner. Mr. H. is a native Pennsylvanian, and served during the war in Co. B. 38th Ohio Inf. He established his present business in Fort Scott in 1882.

Powell, "The Expert," Watchmaker and Jeweler.—In no line of production has the improvement in the manufacture of watches been equaled. Mr. Powell does for watches what doctors do for the human body—he cures disorders and remedies defects. His place on Main Street is headquarters for all work in his

line. He carries standard watches of all grades and prices, clocks, etc. His leading specialty, however, is in jewelry and watch-repairing, his work being reliable and warranted first-class. In addition to his ability as a jeweler, he is an inventor that will be known soon in almost every home in the United States, for a patented contrivance to operate with a sewing machine, and make and bind button-holes as good as hand-work, with startling rapidity.

Hon. W. J. Bawden, Attorney at Law.—Mr. Bawden is one of the representative practitioners of this place, his position in the front ranks being a result of an honorable and successful career. A native of Baltimore, Md., he received his preparatory education in the Ohio University, at Athens, and, after a thorough course of reading, was admitted to the bar in 1863. During the war he served in Co. B, 141st Ohio Vol. Inf., under commission as quartermaster sergeant, and was mustered out in the fall of 1864. In 1866 he located in Fort Scott, and began practice. Since his residence here, he has served three terms as member of the board of education, seven years as county attorney, three years as assistant United States Attorney, and a short time as district judge, under appointment to fill vacancy. He was four years in the State Senate. He holds membership with the A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and G. A. R., of which he has been commander in the post at this place.

C. A. Benham, Groceries and Provisions.—The business house of C. A. Benham has been established for years, and its proprietor has seen and aided the growth of the city. The city in turn has contributed to his prosperity. His stock of goods includes the best grades of flour, sugars, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, canned meats, all kinds of dried fruits, eggs, butter and vegetables in season—all necessities and luxuries for the table. His store is centrally located. His wagons are constantly delivering goods all over the city. His goods are always fresh and clerks polite. Mr. Benham is a man of sterling business qualities and well-known public spirit.

Drs. Burson & Baker, Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose; Office in Richard's Block.—The leading specialists of the medical profession in this city are Drs. Burson & Baker, who treat the intricate and complicated organs, viz.: Eye, ear, throat and nose. They have had remarkable success in their line of work, having had many years of practical experience, and thoroughly understand the mechanisms of the organs to which they devote their special attention. Dr. Burson came here one year ago from Garnett, Kas. The people of Fort Scott feel the utmost confidence in his ability, and prefer to patronize one of established reputation to an itinerant practitioner, who parades himself in the capacity of a "cure-all." Dr. Baker graduated from University of Michigan in 1883, since which time he has lived in Fort Scott. He studied his specialty with Drs. Harper and Hawley, of Chicago, the latter being late first-assistant of Sir Morell Mackenzie, of London, Eng. They are well pleased with their location and the patronage

they are receiving from the best people, whose confidence they have won by gentlemanly professional conduct and successful practice. They are Masons and K's. of P.

Alex. Livingston, Cigars and Tobacco; L. S. L.—One of the prosperous establishments lately located in this city is that of Mr. Alex. Livingston, on Wall Street. Mr. Livingston carries a fine line of cigars and tobacco, notions, stationery, school supplies. He is agent for the Louisiana State Lottery Company. Here those of a speculative turn can divert their attention from the schemes of Wall Street brokers, the Chicago Board of Trade, and the "bucket shops," and invest in something as certain, with the prospect of larger gains.

Gem Tea Store, Wm. T. Richards, Proprietor.—This establishment is one of the neatest in the city. The windows make a display that would reflect credit upon the taste of the most cultivated. He carries the heaviest stock of teas, having every brand known to the trade. In addition, he carries coffees, spices, baking-powders, and extracts of every variety known. Japanese toys and articles of use a specialty. His store room is a neat brick, 25x85 feet, the front room being used for the display of his stock, and the rear being devoted to the roasting department and baking-powder factory. This establishment is regarded as the most satisfactory in the city for the purchase of such goods as are kept in stock, and the proprietor is a thorough gentleman, courteous and obliging to customers.

H. Ingham, Sanitary Plumber, Gas and Steam Fitter.—With the increasing wealth and taste, the offsprings of prosperity, more attention is being bestowed on the interior of houses, stores, etc., and in no particular branch has this been more manifest than in sanitary arrangements, gas fixtures and their attendant requisite workmanship. Mr. H. Ingham is a practical plumber. He makes estimates carefully on all kinds of plumbing, gas and steam fitting, and specifications furnished, and warrants all his work. Repairs intrusted to him receive close and prompt attention. At his place of business, 216 Wall Street, Kavanaugh's old stand, telephone 89, he has for sale iron and lead pipes, hose, sinks, globe and angle valves, marble wash stands, bath tubs, both copper and zinc, and other articles in his line. Gas fixtures can be bought of him as cheap as the cheapest. Mr. I. is a young man, obliging, and with abundant energy to ensure success.

The Singer, G. W. Bates, Manager, 205 Market Street.—Since the primitive invention by Howe, the improvements in sewing-machines have followed each other in rapid succession. The Singer Company manufacture about three dozen different styles of machines. A visit to the office, of that company, on Market Street, will convince anyone that they have the most perfect and best all-round sewing-machines now upon the market. They have a machine which, with ordinary care, will last a lifetime, and at the same time they have a machine that will sew as easily all kinds of house and farm work as it will a cambric necktie—a machine that any

lady in the land can do the roughest kind of work on and follow it up by ornamenting vines and flowers on lace curtains, or silk or satin goods. There is no telling to what purpose a Singer sewing-machine may be adapted. No householder is well equipped without one; and no household need be without one, for the reason that the company make more reasonable terms and sell their machines on smaller monthly payments than any other company in the United States. They are strictly honorable in their dealings with purchasers, and will, under no circumstances, oppress those who are honest in their efforts to pay up their amounts due. Mr. Bates, the gentleman in charge of the office here, is a perfect gentleman, liberal in his views and enterprising in all things pertaining to the advancement of the city of his adoption. He keeps a full force of clerks, stenographers and solicitors, and the consignments of machines that come in and go out of the establishment indicate an enormous business.

W. O. Jeffrey, County Superintendent.—There is no avenue of professional life where the responsibilities are greater, and the duties more onerous, than in the avocation of the educator. The schools of Bourbon County are in admirable condition. Superintendent W. O. Jeffries merits public appreciation for his indefatigable efforts in behalf of the public schools, as is best evidenced by the resolutions adopted by the teachers of the county, lately in association at this city. They were as follows:

WHEREAS We recognize in our present county superintendent, W. O. Jeffrey, an able and efficient leader and organizer of educational work, and that he has effected a classification and gradation of the district schools, and his ceaseless efforts to unify and systematize the work of instruction, and since the graded system, under his supervision, has far surpassed the expectations of its most earnest supporters: therefore.

Resolved, That we, the teachers of Bourbon County, in Association assembled, do most earnestly request him to be a candidate, and respectfully recommend him to the voters of this county for re-election.

P. L. Wright, Loan-Broker.—The business of the loan-broker is one rendered necessary in every city of metropolitan proportions. Among the loan agencies of the city, none are more reliable or do a more honorable business than that of P. L. Wright, on Market Street. This gentleman is backed by ample capital, and always has money on hand to loan on live stock or other good chattel security, or to cash good negotiable paper, such as sale notes or any paper properly secured. He is in the business to loan money, and any collateral security will answer his purposes in negotiating loans. He is perfectly reliable, and merits the liberal patronage he has received.

D. C. Frazier, Drugs, Books, and Stationery.—One of the popular stores of Fort Scott is that of D. C. Frazier. His stock of drugs and chemicals, patent medicines, toilet articles, etc., is very large, and he is a leader in the sale of books and stationery. He has also wall paper in handsome designs and artistic colorings. Mr. Frazier is a registered pharmacist, and with one assistant gives special attention to prescriptions. Mr. Frazier is well known in Girard and the surrounding country, where he was engaged in his present business many years.

"The Spectator," Ralph Richards, Editor.—There is not a newspaper in Kansas with an abler corps of correspondents than those who contribute weekly to the columns of *The Spectator*. As a society paper it is rapidly growing in popular favor. It has an extensive circulation among the best classes, making it a desirable advertising medium, as one can see by the standing and local ads. of business men inserted therein. Its execution is superior to any other paper published in the city. Spicy, newsy, popular, its career is one of assured success. The business manager is making the paper a financial success, which, to newspaper men is the most important consideration. Those who want good, wholesome Sunday reading can do no better than subscribe for *The Spectator*.

M. L. Izor, Book and Job Printer, 115 Main Street.—Among the many manipulators of the "Art preservative," in Fort Scott, none merit more recognition at our hands than Mr. Izor, who was for four years foreman on the *Tribune* force and three years on the *Monitor*. Mr. I. hails from St. Louis here, and has been in the State nine years. His establishment is fully equipped for the successful conducting of printing, and anything from a business card to a bound volume is turned out in workman-like manner. No plant in the city does finer printing, and the business cards, circulars, posters, hand-bills, letter heads, envelopes, bill heads, statements, pamphlets and every other product of the press, speak in befitting terms of the latest styles of type, beauty of arrangement and the mechanical execution and finish of Mr. Izor's work.

Fort Scott Daily and Weekly "News," Geo. W. Martin, Proprietor.—Although less than a year old the *News* is considered the best local paper in the city. A complete job outfit with modern type and presses is one of its features; it employs fifteen hands. Geo. W. Martin has been fifteen years in newspaper work; a native of Pennsylvania. He has spent much time traveling, part of the time as civil engineer on the U. P. and other roads. He came to Fort Scott in the fall of 1889 from St. Joseph, Mo., where he ran the *Daily News*. He has an able assistant in Geo. B. Jenness.

New York Bakery, Thos. Everett, Proprietor.—An institution that supplies the staff of life to a city as large as Fort Scott, certainly deserves mention in our review. This bakery is the oldest in the country, and has achieved a reputation all over as the establishment that turns out the famous "J. P." bread. This bread is of remarkably good quality, and has practically no opposition. It is kept in every establishment that makes a pretense of catering to the bread trade. It derives its name from Mr. J. Powellson, a veteran baker, who has grown gray in the business, and is the oldest baker in Southeastern Kansas, if not in the State. The proprietor is a son-in-law of Mr. Powellson, and keeps up the reputation of the establishment by honest work. He hails from Pennsylvania, and received his education in St. Benedict's College, at Philadelphia, with a view to priesthood. He is a first-class baker, and his gentlemanly attributes have won him both personal and business popularity.

Fort Scott Stove Repair Shops, White & Co., 505 East Wall Street.—The above-named firm have founded an enterprise which is a most useful one. They repair gasoline and cook stoves, and also buy and sell the same. They keep all manner of articles needed for healing diseased stoves. A gasoline stove should never be trusted to an inexperienced man for repair; he is liable to do it more harm than good. White & Co, however, are experienced, and understand thoroughly all the mechanism, and can render your damaged stoves as good as new. They guarantee their work, and respectfully solicit your custom. If you have a stove to dispose of, take it to them and they will give you a fair price for it. You will find them courteous to customers, and reliable in all dealings.

Dr. C. E. Hutton, V. S.—If there are any animals that merit the attentions of a physician skilled in their ailments, those animals are certainly the horse and cow. Dr. Hutton is recognized by the leading veterinarians of the State and by the stock men and livermen of the county, and the skill and success with which he treats all diseases of the brute creation justifies the reputation he has acquired. He has had eighteen years' practical experience as a veterinarian. By a little attention from a veterinarian of the ability of Dr. Hutton, the life of a valuable animal can be saved, thereby saving its money value to the owner. Give Dr. Hutton a trial. Office, south side Market Square.

Arlington House, M. J. Shefftel, Proprietor.—Among the many public hostelries of Fort Scott, where the entertainment is in every sense in accord with the prices charged, the Arlington House stands prominent. Its location, nearest to the Fort Scott depot of any hotel in town, is particularly advantageous to the traveling public who pay a transient visit to this metropolis. In addition to a large transient custom the house has many regular boarders, brought there by the first-class accommodations and low prices. The house is amply provided with neat, clean and airy bed-chambers, comfortable parlor and a convenient dining-room, where the *cuisine* will be found commendable and the service first-class. In addition to all this, the front part is devoted to a lunch and short-order room for convenience of tourists while the trains stop, in which is found all the substantials and delicacies

that contribute to the wants of mankind, and which are served on the shortest order. The management of the house is first-class, and the Arlington is in favor with the public.

The Tremont, Z. A. Woodard, Proprietor.—Fort Scott is recognized everywhere as a solid city, with hotel accommodations second to none. The Tremont has been refitted and refurnished throughout. The sample-rooms are ample, and the general reputation of the establishment is that it is everything that is claimed for it—"the best \$1.50 per day house in Kansas." Its accessibility from both depots makes the location the most desirable. Street cars and bus lines make every train. Commercial men favor this place because treatment is cordial and prices most reasonable of any in the city. Mr. Woodard and his wife took charge of the hotel in 1896, and the patronage has steadily increased. Mr. W. is an old hotel man. A native "Hoosier," he is a thorough "Jayhawker" by adoption, being partial to the Sunflower State. He enjoys great popularity as a host. Royal entertainment, accomplished *chef*, commendable *menu*, comfortable beds, superior service, and a genial proprietor, have made the Tremont famous as a hostelry.

"Monitor" Publishing House, John H. Rice & Sons.—This establishment occupies an imposing building, three stories and basement, 30x100 feet. The paper is a daily and weekly, and a good advertising medium. The bindery and printing office is complete, and the whole gives employment to some 150 hands, and about \$1,000 a week paid in wages. Their specialties are anything in the printing line.

O. J. Bissell, M. D. Forty-four years' practice. Office and dispensary, 112 Wall Street, Fort Scott, Kas. Office hours 9 to 12 A. M., and 1 to 5 P. M. Specialties, diseases of women. All forms of diseases of the rectum, bladder, urethra, and kidneys. All diseases of the nervous system, and chronic diseases generally. Whatever your disease, call and consult the Doctor.

IOLA.

IOLA, the county seat and principal town of Allen County, is pleasantly located on the left bank of the Neosho River, which furnishes water power during the entire year. The United States census of 1890 gives the city a population of 1,666. It has a fine school building, recently erected at a cost of \$17,000, and its schools rank with the best of the State. It has five handsome churches, all of which are practically free from debt. It has two lines of railroad, the Missouri Pacific and the Southern Kansas division of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé, crossing at

right angles and furnishing admirable transportation facilities. The finest and most prosperous carriage factory in the State is located here. It employs fifty men and disburses large sums in monthly wages. Other factories are in their incipency and there is splendid opportunity for such enterprises here. This is more especially true since the development of natural gas at this place. The streets of Iola are lighted by natural gas, and it is used for fuel in numerous business and private houses. Only two wells are now in operation, but a third is being bored,

and the franchise is in the hands of a wealthy and enterprising company that will sink wells enough to supply all possible demands. Another discovery lately made here and one that promises to be of immense advantage to the town is that of marble. When this discovery was first announced it was received with a great deal of skepticism, for the reason that scientific men had always declared it impossible that there should be true marble in Kansas. Samples of this stone have been carefully analyzed, however, by the chemist attached to the United States geological survey—the highest authority in the United States—and he pronounces it genuine marble of a high grade. It has also been submitted to practical marble men in New York, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, and they unite in pronouncing it the equal of any of the American marbles. The stone varies in color from a light gray to a dark mahogany, is susceptible of a high polish, does not suffer from exposure to the weather and is here in inexhaustible quantity. It only awaits development to become a source of wealth, not only to those who develop it, but to the town as well. Iola is surrounded by a rich and prosperous agricultural country, which would give abundant support to such enterprises—a canning factory, a starch factory, a linseed oil factory, a broom factory and a factory for the manufacture and repair of farming implements. Any one seeking a location for any one of such enterprises, or wishing for any other purpose to obtain more detailed information concerning our city or county, will have all inquiries promptly and fully answered by addressing the Secretary of the Board of Trade, Iola, Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF IOLA.

Banking House of L. L. Northrup.

—One of the oldest and most reliable banks in Kansas is that of L. L. Northrup, which dates its existence back to 1869. The bank has three employes, its officers being L. L. Northrup, president, and G. H. Van Nuys, cashier. Mr. Northrup came to this State in 1859, from New York. Soon after his arrival he began merchandising, and engaged in that many years. The cashier, Mr. Van Nuys, was born in Indiana; served through the war as a member of the 7th Indiana. He is a member of the K. of H. order. The individual responsibility of the stockholders of this bank is over \$300,000. A general banking business is conducted, deposits received, collections made on all accessible points, and deals in foreign and domestic exchange, and government bonds. Besides the banking industry, Mr. Northrup is the proprietor of a large lumber yard located here, and another at Yates Center. In business and financial matters, Mr. Northrup holds a conspicuous position, and is regarded as one of our ablest financiers.

H. Klaumann, Groceries, Flour and Feed, and General Commission.—In the purchasing of our food supplies, it is very essential to ourselves that they are of the purest and best qual-

ity. A reliable place in this city is that of H. Klaumann, established eleven years. Mr. Klaumann's store is 25x65 feet, of brick, located on a corner, while in the rear of the store he has a large ware room, in which is stored hay, bran, feed, etc. Two employes are required, and a large trade is annually done. Mr. K. has been a resident of the United States thirty-four years, Germany being his native home. He is connected with the A. O. U. W. order, and Select Knights, having been a charter member of both organizations. In all matters, both of a business or social nature, Mr. Klaumann holds the esteem of all.

Iola Carriage and Omnibus Company.—In the Iola Carriage and Omnibus Company, this city has an industry that ranks deservedly high. This company is composed of leading business men of the city; its president, Geo. A. Bowls, is president of the Bank of Allen County; the secretary is W. A. Cowan, a member of the firm Cowan & Ausherman, while the treasurer is L. L. Northrup, president of Northrup's Bank. The factory is of large dimensions, located on the line of the Santa Fé Railroad, and consists of a stone building, two stories, 50x350 feet, operated by an engine of 50 horse-power, and having machinery of the newest design. The operatives, some forty-five in number, turn out the finest goods in the way of carriages, phaetons, spring wagons and omnibuses, and the trade extends through Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Utah, New Mexico, Texas, and the Indian Territory. One traveling man is on the road all the time. This concern is one in which, not only the owners, but all our citizens, take a vast amount of pride in, as it extends the city's name to other and distant places.

Neosho Valley Land Office.—Hardly a town in this State has not a land office within its limits. Some of these do a limited business, but many of them have dealings that are large in their magnitude and embrace a wide field of operations, such an one is the Neosho Valley Land Office, established in this city fifteen years ago with D. W. Bostwick as its manager and D. B. D. Smeltzer, secretary. This company do a "land office" business, and in addition represent five insurance and nine loan companies. A specialty with this firm is the exchanging land or city property, or trading the same for merchandise. They are also interested in getting increased pensions or procuring them for those who have not yet filed an application. Mr. Bostwick is a native of Ohio, and a resident of this State twenty-four years, eight years being spent in handling stock. He was connected with the 14th Ind. Independent Sharpshooters, and the 133d Ind. Inf., during the War. Mr. Smeltzer is a native of Maryland, and was a member of the 11th Md. Vol. Inf. during the war. In 1879 he came to Kansas, and engaged in farming and stock business, in which he is yet largely interested. Is notary, justice of the peace and police judge.

Bank of Allen County.—Throughout this section there is no bank better known for its safe and sound policy than the Bank of Allen County, established in 1885, and having a cap-

ital and surplus of \$22,500. It fully meets the city's requirements. Its officers are: President, Geo. A. Bowlus, a native of Maryland, and for a long term of years at the head of the Neosho Valley Land Co., a gentleman of large financial ability; the cashier, H. M. Miller, was born in Ohio, and is an efficient officer, ably seconding the efforts of the president to make this institution a power in the monetary concerns of this section of the State. Their banking-room is well designed and fitted up in a pleasing manner, while the three rooms adjoining are well adapted for directors' meetings and similar gatherings. A large degree of pride is taken by all our citizens in this representative bank of our beautiful City of Iola.

Cowan & Ausherman, Druggists and Grocers.—The store occupied by these gentlemen has for twenty years been used in this line of trade and is a familiar landmark to all residents of the county. In January, 1890, the present firm was established, and the success accorded the old firm remains with the present. This store is 25x120 feet; one side is devoted to groceries, consisting of staple and fancy goods—pickles, preserves, teas, coffees, spices and sugars—while the other side has a most complete stock of drugs, chemicals, paints, oils, soaps, perfumeries and druggists' sundries. S. J. Cowan is a native of Indiana and belongs to the Masonic order, while Mr. Ausherman was born in the State of Maryland. Both are pushing, energetic men, among our leading citizens in all business and financial matters.

Dr. S. Tozer, Dental Surgeon.—Dentistry requires a long and tedious apprenticeship before one can be fitted to perform the delicate operations upon the teeth that are now in vogue. One who is well known for his professional skill, with an experience of twenty-four years in this city, is Dr. S. Tozer, who was originally from New Hampshire. His offices, consisting of a suite of three elegantly-furnished rooms, and but few professional reception rooms are made more comfortable. Every kind of work is done, in filling, crown work and bridging, while in making new sets of teeth the Doctor is a specialist. It is fortunate for the city to have in her borders so careful a dentist as Dr. Tozer.

Anderson & De Clute, Clothing, Hats, Caps, and Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes.—Among the representative firms that add largely to the volume of trade in this city, is that of which W. W. Anderson and C. H. De Clute are the enterprising proprietors. During the eleven years this firm have been before the people of Iola, they have sustained a well-earned reputation as a reliable firm, keeping the best stock of goods in the county, supplying correct styles, for work, dress, or business purposes. Their premises are 25x100 feet, located in a two-story brick block, on the most prominent corner in town, facing the Public Square. Messrs. Anderson & De Clute are natives of Michigan; the former was in the stone and marble business. He belongs to the Masonic order. Mr. De Clute has always been in the clothing line, and during the war served as first lieutenant Co. F, 28th Michigan Inf., and for a long time had com-

mand of his company. They are live business men, and well deserve their place as the leading clothiers and furnishers in Iola.

T. S. Stover, Abstracter of Titles, Attorney at Law and Notary Public.—T. S. Stover has a complete set of abstract books for this county, and his services are greatly in demand. A specialty is made by him in examining titles, also perfecting them. Mr. Stover is also an attorney and notary public, having been engaged in this line fourteen years. A native of Maine, he enlisted early in the war, and for three years was a member of the 31st Me. Inf. In 1866 he came to this State and in 1867 settled in Allen County. For four terms he was county clerk, and in the eight years—1876 to 1884—he held this office its affairs were conducted in a manner highly acceptable. This gentleman is a member of the G. A. R., and Royal Arch Mason, and was the first Chapter Mason that was made south of Ottawa, excepting Fort Scott, in the State. As a citizen of standing he enjoys the esteem of many friends in this part of the State.

A. O. Allen, Books and Stationery, Wall Paper, Etc.—One of the popular business men in the city forms the subject of this article. Mr. Allen, who is a native of Michigan, has been resident twenty-three years in this State, and during the years since 1882, when he opened up his present business, he has enjoyed a continued career of prosperity. Located in the post office rotunda, everybody passes his counters daily, and with a choice line of books, office supplies, stationery, wall paper, confectionery and cigars, there is always trade of some kind going on with him. In Masonic and K. of P. matters Mr. Allen is a leading member. Twice has Mr. Allen left the State for a short time, expecting to remove, but he has found no place like Kansas. Prior to entering his present business he was engaged in farming and stock-raising.

F. M. B. A. Co-Operative Association, General Merchandise; Frank Mull, Secretary; A. J. Survey, Manager. (Incorporated 1890; capital, \$20,000.)—This corporation, although but recently started, has begun its existence under auspices of a most propitious character. Judging from its already large patronage, Messrs. Survey and Mull are experienced business men, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Illinois. The store is 25 feet by 100, and the services of three salesmen are required. Besides the extensive staple and fancy grocery stock carried, a line of hardware and implements is also added, that is adapted to this market. They are also grain and produce buyers and shippers. Mr. Survey is an I. O. O. F., and served in the army, during the war, in the 4th Pennsylvania Cav. With an attractive store, a desirable line of goods, no one can fail to obtain anything they want, while the well-known standing of these gentlemen render them a desirable addition to Iola.

The Iola "Register," Consolidation of the *Iola Register*, established 1867; *Allen County Courant*, established 1883; *Allen County Democrat*, established 1886.—The *Register* was established in 1867, and has enjoyed a prosperous career, having absorbed at one time and another

numerous papers started in opposition to it. In 1882 it came into the possession of Chas. F. Scott, a native of this State, who has since owned and edited it. Under his management the paper has been greatly improved, and is the official paper of both city and county. A large job office is

connected. Mr. Scott's office is bright and attractive, like the paper he presents to his readers, and as a member of the K. of P., A. O. U. W., and editor, he is prominent in all matters that increase the standing of Iola at home and abroad.

HUMBOLDT.

HUMBOLDT is recognized as one of the most solid market towns of Eastern Kansas, its trade not being confined to Allen but extending into the adjoining counties. It has a thrifty population of some 2,400 people, and is pleasantly located on the east bank of the Neosho River, (with its immense water power,) on the Santa Fé railroad, 117 miles southwest of Kansas City. The town is admirably platted on high ground with a natural drainage in all directions. The streets run at right angles with a large Central Park, studded with thickly-foliaged shade trees, a neat octagonal band stand, etc. On the four sides of the park are the principal thoroughfares, upon which are built substantial stores of brick and stone, with iron and plate-glass fronts. These stores are wide and deep, and well stocked with goods. The responsible business firms we subjoin a detailed sketch of. This town has never seen an inflation, craze or speculation, its characteristics being carefulness, honesty and substantiality. Its success has been dug out of the soil of Allen County, and in the legitimate avenues of trade by men who came here with small means and with an abiding faith in the future of their town. Society in Humboldt is free from those cliques that are a source of weakness in any community where they exist, and in common with the best towns in Kansas has first-class school facilities; the schools have an extra attraction in the way of a free library and reading-room. The churches and leading secret societies are well represented and have enthusiastic memberships.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HUMBOLDT.

John N. Utterson, Furniture and Undertaking Goods.—This manufacturing establishment, which is the largest in the county, consists of a two and a half story frame building, 30x100 feet, equipped with all necessary machinery. A leading specialty of manufacture is lounge frames, for which there is a large demand. This factory is located about one-half mile from town on the Neosho River, and has a practically unlimited water power at all seasons of the year. In addition to his manufactory, Mr. Utterson has a retail store in town, where he carries a complete stock of all kinds of furniture, at prices within the reach of all. Mr. Utterson is a native of Scotland and came to the United States in 1869, locating at this place, and the following year began this business, employing a force of fifteen to twenty-five skilled workmen. He is the largest employer in the place. A Mason and K. of

H., he is doing everything for the upbuilding of the city of which he is a conspicuous citizen.

A. A. Jones, Elevator and Feed Mills.—A factor in this city's life is the extensive elevator and feed mills of A. A. Jones, who succeeded Messrs. Peery & Jones, in 1886. With a capacity for storing 10,000 bushels of grain, it performs a great service for the farmers in this region, and has a large and profitable patronage. Four employes are required, and the engine is 40-horse-power. The principal productions of this mill are chops, meal and feed. In shipping grain and feed, a large business is done. Mr. Jones is the leading buyer of flax here. He loaned to the farmers of this section 2,500 bushels of seed, and as the crop comes in, he pays from \$1.00 to \$1.06 per bushel, shipping to Chicago. Mr. Jones is a native of Ohio, and connected with this line in this city for the past seven years, thoroughly understands it in all its details. The buildings are large, attractive, and located almost in the heart of the town, and the products abroad and at home reflect great credit upon its public-spirited proprietor.

William Rath, Humboldt Hardware Store.—Few towns the size of this have so well stocked a hardware store as the one owned by William Rath, where may be found shelf and builders' hardware, tools of all kinds, barbed wire, tin and japanned ware, stoves, cutlery and all kinds of house-furnishing goods. Mr. Rath was born in Germany, and came to this country in 1857. During the war he served in the 4th Missouri Cav. three years. In 1866 he removed to Kansas, and worked for a while at his trade of blacksmith, until in 1885 he began in the hardware trade. With a fine store, in a central location, and a trade of increasing proportions, Mr. Rath is one of the city's most energetic and prosperous men.

Franklin House, L. A. Shields, Proprietor, West side Public Square.—As the leading hotel in the city the Franklin House is well and favorably known, having been under the management of L. A. Shields, who is a native of Indiana, for the past three years, it is the favorite stopping-place by reason of his affability and the attentions paid his visitors. The house has eleven rooms, the *cuisine* is good, and with five assistants the work of the house is facilitated. For commercial men sample rooms are furnished and 'buses connect with all trains of the day or night. The dining-room has a seating capacity for thirty. Mr. Shields belongs to the order of I. O. O. F., and in his capacity of host, makes a sojourn at the Franklin House pleasant and enjoyable to all.

The Humboldt First National Bank was started as a private bank, in 1865, but in November, 1887, was made a national bank, with a



capital of \$60,000, and now has a surplus of \$3,000. Its officers, E. A. and Geo. C. Barber, president and cashier, are both natives of Illinois. The First National has had a career of remarkable success. It is quartered in a handsome two-story brick block, arranged with modern conveniences, and requiring the services of two expert accountants. The president is also a successful lawyer, having his offices in the rear of the bank. Humboldt has reason to be proud of the position earned by these gentlemen, who add largely to the prosperity of the town's industries and banking facilities.

Dr. Karl Vøegtle, Physician and Drug-

gist.—As physician, surgeon and druggist, the name of Dr. Karl Vøegtle is well and favorably known. A native of Germany, and a graduate of the celebrated Freiberg-Baden Medical College, the Doctor came to America in 1861. Shortly after his arrival, he enlisted in the 22d Pennsylvania Inf., and served four years. In 1874 he removed to Kansas, and in 1880 opened his present business. He has a superior stock of drugs, sundries, paints, oils, and glass. The Doctor is attractive and affable, making friends with every one, while in professional matters his skill and advice are much sought for by our leading citizens.

James Peery & Co., Wheat, Corn, Oats, Hay, Flax Seed, Castor Beans and Broom Corn.—Few men in this part of the country are better posted in the extent, value and amount of a crop than the proprietor of this concern, who has had an extensive experience when in the milling business of Peery & Jones, which he left in 1882 to open up his present line. Mr. Peery is a native of Indiana, and for over three years in the late war as a member of the 38th Ills. Inf. He belongs to the K. of H., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. His customers are well looked after, and the large storeroom, that is 25x130 feet, is well adapted for his purposes. Doing a wholesale as well as retail trade, his annual business is of large volume, and greatly enlarges the amount of the city's trade.

H. A. Kemmerer, Humboldt Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—The central and most eligibly located stable in town is that situated on the south side of the Public Square, owned and run for now about a year by H. A. Kemmerer, who by birth is a native of Connecticut. The stable is 50 feet by 80, well built and arranged, having a capacity for sixty head of horses. For driving purposes, sixteen head are kept, and the carriages are models of ease and convenience. Mr. Kemmerer has been a resident of Kansas for twenty-seven years, being brought here by his parents when quite young. Thoroughly acquainted with horses, and knowing what the people want, he supplies best teams at low rates. He is a leading member of the Modern Woodmen, and has the confidence of all.

MORAN.

MORAN is one of the youngest but most progressive little towns in Eastern Kansas. Only started in 1881, it has grown rapidly in importance, and has at present a population of 450. It has a nice school house, four churches—Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Presbyterian and Christian; two hotels, one newspaper, two railroads—Missouri Pacific and Missouri, Kansas & Texas; also a branch of the W. C. T. U. It is a good trading-point, with several substantial business houses, many neat residences, good board sidewalks, and a well-regulated postal department.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MORAN.

S. C. Varner, Banker, General Merchandise.—One of the best-conducted private banking houses in the West is that of Mr. S. C. Varner, which was established in 1889. Collections a specialty. With the resources at its command there is practically no limit to the business of the bank. Mr. Varner also is a very extensive grain, lumber, lath, furniture, implement and hardware dealer. Mr. Varner was born in Pennsylvania.

He is a Mason and belongs to the G. A. R. The facilities he possesses for successfully conducting his business are of an unusually complete character, enabling him to offer his customers advantages difficult, if not impossible to duplicate.

P. Moss, Post Master.—Our pen sketch of Moran's enterprising men must needs include Mr. P. Moss, the post master, who, as such has acted in a strictly conscientious manner towards the public and the Government. Mr. Moss was born in Illinois. He is a Mason and G. A. R., having served in the 122nd Ill. Inf. He has lived over eleven years in Allen County, and formerly was in the implement business here six years. The past prosperity of Moran is due largely to such men, while her future growth, as well, must depend upon them.

W. J. Rumbel, City Meat Market.—This reliable meat market was established two years ago and from the inception has had a prosperous career. The premises are 20x40 feet, with a work room 12x20 feet. He deals in fresh and cured meats and ice; highest market price in cash paid for hides, tallow, pelts, etc., also for fat cattle and hogs. All goods coming from Mr. R's. store have justly gained a wide name for purity and sound quality. Mr. Rumbel was born in Pennsylvania, and has lived in this sec-

tion nine years, and is identified with the Masonic order. He thoroughly understands his business and possesses the confidence and good will of the people.

Samuel's Drug Store, Post Office Building.—Prominent among the intelligent business houses in Moran is Samuel's popular drug store, established five years. The premises are 42x50 feet, commodious and well-appointed. Here can be found a superb supply of drugs, chemicals, perfumery, toilet articles, paints and oils, wall paper, books and stationery. He is thoroughly skilled in the accurate and careful compounding of prescriptions, to which department Mr. Samuels gives his personal supervision. He was born in Garrett County, Ky., and is a Mason and K. of P.

J. S. Miller, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.—The leading real estate, loan and insurance dealer of Moran and this section is Mr. J. S. Miller, established three years. Collections, paying taxes, and renting property a specialty. Free conveyance to parties wishing to purchase property. Mr. Miller was born in Pennsylvania, and is a Mason. He was formerly twenty years manufacturing agricultural implements in Illinois. He enjoys the unlimited confidence of his patrons, through his straightforward dealings.

ERIE.

ERIE, the county seat of Neosho County, is situated in the valley of the Neosho River. Originally a town called Erie, now known as "Old Erie," was started two miles northwest of the present townsite, and two miles northeast was another town called Crawfordsville. The owners of the two towns agreed to compromise, and selected the present townsite for the new location. This occurred in 1866, and immediately after the town company was formed. In 1869 Erie was incorporated as a city of the third class. Owing to the several mishaps the town had in the way of fires and cyclones, and also by reason of the county seat being several years in dispute, Erie did not grow very rapidly. Since the railroads came, however, the town has grown rapidly and is now as flourishing and substantial as any town in the State of its size. The Kansas City and Pacific road gives the town direct connection with Kansas City, while the Southern Kansas road makes her a station on the great Santa Fé system. The town has now a population of some eighteen hundred people, intelligent, reliable and well off. The merchants are backed by a good county with a thrifty class of farmers. Most of the county is within the valley of the Neosho River, which is, however, mostly upland, with the exception of its own immediate banks and the comparatively narrow valleys of its immediate tributaries. About twenty per cent of the surface of the county is properly termed bottom land, the balance, eighty per cent, being upland. The soil varies from a few inches to about thirty feet in thickness. About one-half is denominated "black limestone," one-third "mulatto" and the re-

maining one-sixth "white ash" soil. The name black limestone, is applied to black soil underlaid with and containing limestone; the name mulatto, to that containing also sandstone, and white ash, to that containing fine sand which gives it a white appearance. All portions of the county are fertile and produce excellent crops. Coal underlies about one-fifth of the county, mostly in the western townships. The vein is about eighteen inches thick. The output is increasing every year. The county, being one of the best watered, is consequently well timbered with cottonwood, elm, hickory, hackberry, maple, oak, pecan and walnut. The belts average from one-half to a mile in width. The Neosho river in the county is some forty miles long, its average width is one hundred feet and depth six feet; without snags or shallows, it is a stream that could be well used as a water way, and will no doubt be, when the population of the county becomes dense enough to make steam-boating a paying investment.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ERIE.

Allen & Allen, Bankers.—A concern that has added largely to the material wealth of the community is the bank of which Messrs. J. M. and Wm. T. Allen are the proprietors. These gentlemen were born in Indiana, and established their bank in 1883, since which time their suc-

cess has been marked by a wise and careful policy that has won them many friends, and given a wide-spread reputation as financiers of high ability. The bank has a capital of \$15,000, and one accountant is employed. The office is large and well arranged for the transaction of business. Messrs. Allen are among our most respected citizens, and are a tower of strength in the mercantile world in this section of the State.

Lodge & Henderson, General Merchandise.—H. Lodge and W. F. Henderson have been in their present commodious quarters a little over a year. They are enabled to supply their many customers' wants with their full stock of general merchandise, which embraces a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes. Mr. Lodge is a native of Indiana, and served in the Union army as lieutenant Co. F, 4th Ind. Cav. Since his removal to Kansas, he has been honored by the citizens by being elected to the position of mayor of Erie, county commissioner, and for two terms was the county treasurer of Neosho. Mr. Lodge is a leading member of the G. A. R., secretary of the Neosho County Fair Association, and a large stockholder in the First National Bank, of which he is vice president. Mr. Henderson also was born in Indiana; served in the army as captain of Co. C, 63d Ind. Inf., and since his coming to Erie, has been elected register of deeds for the county for three terms. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. order, and Modern Woodmen, and is an active member of the G. A. R.

J. A. Wells & Sons, Real Estate and Loan-Brokers.—Messrs. J. A., B. C. and L. H. Wells form a strong combination of experience and executive ability. Few firms are as well posted in real estate, and their judgment in these matters is unquestioned. To the investor, or persons desiring homes in one of the finest counties in the State, these gentlemen can procure bargains in town and county. Those desiring loans at low rates of interest, they are always prepared to accommodate. The senior member of the firm is also an attorney, and has filled positions of public trust, having been mayor, police judge, justice of the peace, and was the first probate judge of Neosho County. The war record of Mr. J. A. Wells is one of credit. A native of Illinois, he enlisted in August, 1862, and was made first sergeant of Co. H, 91st Illinois Inf. In October of the following year, he was promoted to a first lieutenantcy, which was soon after followed by a captain's commission, which position he retained until his discharge after three years' service. He has resided in Kansas about twenty-five years, and his sons, who are associated with him, are natives of this State, and have been members of the firm for three years and a half. Captain Wells is also largely interested in the pension agency business, and has a record of never having lost a case in 2,500 cases which he has successfully put through.

G. W. Alexander & Co., Abstracters.—A reliable firm of abstracters are Messrs. G. W. Alexander & Co. The business was originally

started in 1885 by R. S. Hamilton, and in September, 1889, the present proprietors took possession, retaining a complete set of abstract books of the county. Mr. Alexander is a native of Georgia, and saw much active service in the war in Tennessee, as a member of the 37th Georgia Inf. In 1870 he came to Kansas, and while located at Chanute, where he was engaged in the grain business, was elected register of deeds two terms. He has also been deputy county clerk five years, and deputy treasurer. In those positions he filled the duties to the entire satisfaction of the community. In enterprise Mr. Alexander is always to be found in the front ranks ready to advance any cause that tends to the prosperity of his adopted home.

The First National Bank, Capital, \$50,000.—As an ornament to the town, the First National Bank building, owned and erected by the bank at a cost of \$7,600, forms one of Erie's striking features. It was first established as a private bank in 1887, but in 1889 was made a national institution, and the success it has since met, proves the advisability of this step. The bank is eligibly located on the most desirable corner in town, is built of brick, two stories, the first floor being occupied by the bank, which is fitted up with the latest styles of bank furniture, etc., the safe being one of the best manufactures and with a time lock. The upper floor is arranged for offices. The president, Mr. J. O. Johnson, is cashier of the Chanute National. The cashier, W. P. Hazen, is a native of Pennsylvania, and a resident of Kansas for the past eight years, is thoroughly conversant with all details of banking. Under the careful management of these gentlemen and its representative stockholders, the First National is one of the financial institutions of Kansas.

A. H. Roe, Register of Deeds.—An official thoroughly familiar with the duties of his office is the present register of deeds for Neosho County, A. H. Roe. A native of Indiana, Mr. Roe for two years and eight months served in Co. A, 13th Iowa Inf., and also in the 12th Iowa Inf., having two and a half years' service in all. In November, 1865, he came to Kansas. Seven years he has been in the drug business in Erie, and for twelve years was post master in this place. Mr. Roe is now filling the second term of his office, to which he was re-elected November, 1888. Two deputies aid him in conducting the affairs of the office. A member of the Masonic order, Mr. Roe is prominent in social and business circles.

Church & Swope, Groceries.—Although but recently opened, this store has received a flattering patronage from the people that is indicative of a high grade of staple and fancy groceries being kept, at prices that prove inviting to all. With all supplies bought from first hands, and fresh meats, produce, etc., that almost sell themselves, it is not surprising at the success that has followed this firm. The premises are desirable, and well stocked, displaying all goods to the best advantage.

CHANUTE.

CHANUTE is situated in the northwest part of Neosho County, at the crossing of the Kansas Southern (Santa Fé) and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroads. It is situated in the Neosho Valley, of which we have already spoken. Chanute is the consolidation of four rival towns, which sprang into existence almost simultaneously during the year 1850. These were: New Chicago, Tioga, Chicago Junction, and Alliance.

There was a bitter fight between New Chicago and Tioga for supremacy for some two years, when a peace was formed, the name Chanute being given to the consolidated city. Next year it became a certainty that the two railroads would cross at this point; the town grew very rapidly, and soon had a population of eight hundred people. The city now contains a population of nearly three thousand, and has schools, mills, elevators, hotels, churches, societies, and business of all kinds, constituting it one of the nicest towns in the eastern section of the State, either to reside in, or do business in.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CHANUTE.

D. Dubach & Co., Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors and Blinds, Hair, Lime, Plaster, Cement, Sand, Brick and Coal.—In 1880. Messrs. D. Dubach and A. B. Hedrich formed a partnership to conduct a lumber, lath, shingle, sash, door and blind trade, which has increased until now it is the largest concern of its kind in Neosho County, and sends its goods through this, and Wilson, and Greenwood Counties. The yards of this firm are large, and the stock carried is of ample variety for filling any order at a moment's notice. Mr. Dubach was born in Switzerland, and in 1858 was in business at Hannibal, Mo., in this line, and has since been connected with lumber interests. Mr. Hedrich was born in Pennsylvania; served in the war as first lieutenant of Co. K, 209th Pa. Inf. He is a Mason and K. of P. This firm are one of the most important, and add greatly to the yearly volume of business done in Chanute.

Farrelly & Shinn, Attorneys at Law.—A deservedly popular firm in legal circles throughout this section are Hugh P. Farrelly and Ben. F. Shinn, which strong combination was formed in October of 1887. Mr. Farrelly was born in Illinois and studied under Henry C. Withers, now residing at St. Louis and attorney for the Chicago & Alton R. R., but then a resident of Carrollton, Ill., where Mr. F. was admitted to practice in October, 1886. Mr. Farrelly was recently nominated for county attorney, and if elected will prove a worthy and competent official. Mr. Shinn was born in Virginia, and for fourteen years has resided at Fredonia, Kas., where he studied under Hon. T. J. Hudson, and after being admitted to practice, had an office in

Fredonia for five years prior to forming his partnership with Mr. Farrelly. In October, 1889, Mr. Farrelly was elected city attorney for Chanute. Both gentlemen are members of the K. of P. order, and well uphold the dignity of the profession in the Seventh Judicial District.

J. H. Light, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.—For twenty-two years has Dr. Light ably administered to the complaints of Neosho's people. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he is a graduate of the Cincinnati Homeopathic College, class of 1886. Dr. Light had been established in Erie twelve years prior to his coming to Chanute, some two years ago, and practices with equal success as a homeopath or allopath. During the war he served in the 137th and 49th Ind. Inf. When Chanute was organized as a city of the second class he was elected its first mayor. He is now serving a second term in the same position. He is also a prominent member of the Masonic, K. of P. and Order of Select Friends. His office is central, his library large, and few physicians are more thoroughly read and posted on medical matters of the present day than Dr. Light.

Jas. A. Fleming, Watchmaker and Jeweler.—The representative firm in the jewelry, silverware and optical goods line, in Chanute, is that of Jas. A. Fleming, formerly a member of the firm of Fleming & Frechtel, until his purchase of Mr. Frechtel's interest a year ago. Messrs. Fleming & Frechtel first established the business in 1886. A stock of elegant and costly silverware, jewelry, diamonds and watches may be found at Mr. Fleming's, that in quality and prices are equal to, if not superior to, the many out-of-town dealers, who seek to draw away the home trade by finely-worded advertisements, which mean little or nothing. Mr. Fleming has had a large experience in watch-making, and was sixteen years foreman of the celebrated Illinois Watch Company. A native of Ohio, and a superior workman in his chosen profession, Mr. Fleming is one of Chanute's most worthy citizens.

G. N. Lindsay & Co., Wholesale and Retail Grocers.—In reviewing the grocery stores of Chanute, the leading house in every respect is that of G. N. Lindsay & Co., which was established by Mr. Lindsay in 1877, and as the oldest place of its kind, has enjoyed a prosperous career. Mr. Lindsay, who is a native of Canada, was connected for eight years with the firm of Kidenour, Baker & Co., formerly of Lawrence, but now of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. L. J. Anderson was born in Sweden, and for a number of years employed by Mr. Lindsay, until their co-partnership. The extensive premises in which this firm are located was built by Mr. Lindsay, and has a frontage of 25 feet, by a depth of 80 feet, consisting of two stories and basement. Two delivery wagons and a force of seven clerks are required to attend to the trade of this house, and the life seen in this store is very different

from the dull way of doing business seen in so many similar stores through the State. Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Blue Lodge, and a Chapter Mason, a Knight Templar, K. of P., and K. of H., and in all matters, either of a social or business nature, he is a prominent figure.

Geo. H. Brown, M. D.—The subject of this sketch is the oldest practitioner in the city, having begun his professional career in 1874.



Dr. Geo. H. Brown

Dr. Brown was born in N. Y. State and in 1861 began reading in the office of Dr. Potter, of Geneva, N. Y., a celebrated physician. In 1870 Dr. Brown removed to Kansas and located on a farm in Wilson County, remaining there and doing a country practice until he removed to Chanute, where he entered upon a lucrative business from the outset. In 1883 he was elected Mayor of Chanute. In 1886 he graduated from the University Medical College, of Kansas City, Mo. For two years Dr. Brown was local physician of the A. T. & S. F. R. R., from which he has recently resigned and now has a similar position on the M. K. & T. R. R., his district embracing the line from Emporia to Parsons. The doctor is a charter member of the local K. of P., a member of the G. T. lodge, Grange, I. O. O. F. and E. A. W., enjoys the acquaintance and is liked by all classes.

Hysinger & Rosenthal, Clothing, Dry Goods, Etc.—In the extensive dry goods, clothing, boot and shoe establishment of Hysinger & Rosenthal, this city has an emporium of which

it may well be proud. Occupying the position of the largest store in town, it forms the center of attraction. The premises comprise a double store, one being 25x140 and the other 25x100, with a large room in the second floor devoted to carpets, oilcloths and mattings. In dry goods and clothing the lines are exceedingly fine, and equal, both in quality and styles, the stocks to be found in cities of much larger size. As headquarters for footwear, the reputation of this house is well deserved. Nine courteous salesmen and ladies are in attendance to wait upon the throngs of customers that are constantly seeking this hive of trade. Messrs. H. and R. are natives of Illinois and Germany respectively, the senior member of the firm spending most of his time in St. Louis. Mr. Rosenthal has been in the United States since 1856, and with his partner formed this plan of business in 1876. Messrs. H. and R. have a store at Humboldt, and in Illinois are two stores, in two cities, under the firm name of Hysinger & Graham. This is the largest store in Southern Kansas. Mr. Rosenthal, who spends all his time at the Chanute store, is a gentleman possessing the highest traits of business tact and commercial probity. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a K. of H., and belongs to the A. O. U. W.

Hardesty & Fay, Prescription Druggists.—Messrs. Frank Hardesty and J. R. Fay, the former a native of Iowa, and the latter of New York, have one of the neatest drug stores in the State, replete with drugs, sundries, toilet articles, soaps, perfumeries, books, stationery, cigars, paints, oils and glass. This firm have the best location in the city, being on a corner with entrances from both streets. Great taste is displayed in the shelving, counters and mineral water fountain. Mr. Hardesty being a registered pharmacist and a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and Mr. Fay being a physician by profession, but not practicing, the prescription trade of this firm is large. Established in May, 1889, employing one assistant, this firm have had remarkable success and enjoy a reputation seldom equaled.

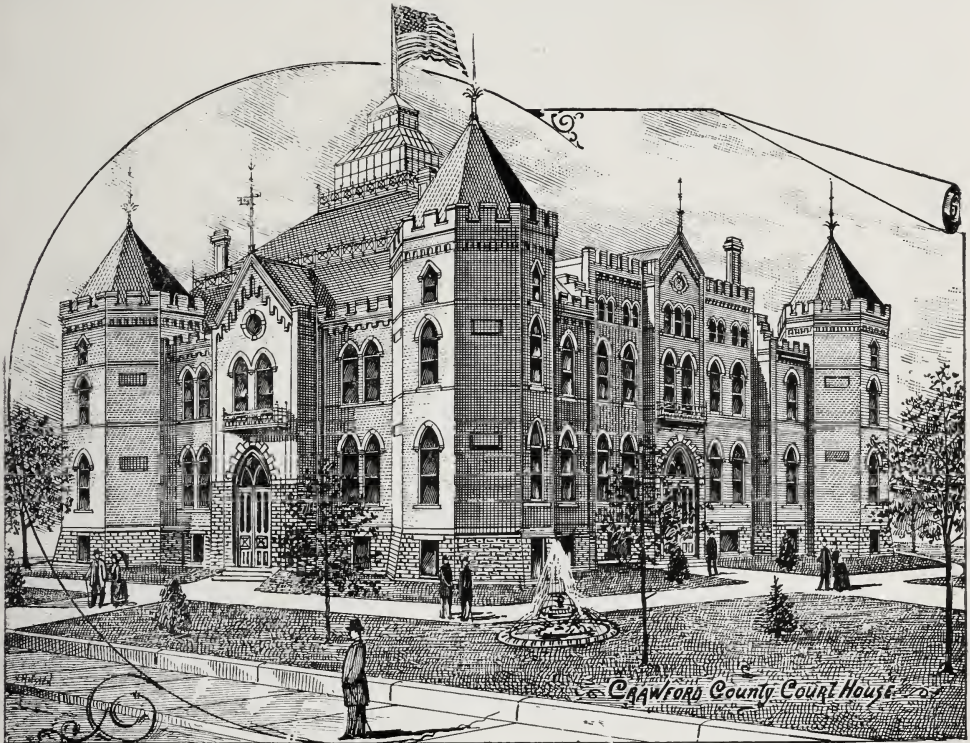
The Model, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks and Valises.—To the citizens of Chanute, the establishment of O. H. P. Fall is one popular with all classes, and as its name implies, is the "Model" clothing house, where may be found the correct styles in suitings, fitted for every walk in life and for all occasions of dress, at prices that ensure rapid sales. Mr. Fall, who succeeded O. V. Small, resides in Washington, D. C., and in H. T. Small, who has the management of the store, may be found one of the city's representative young business men. During the four years this store has been before the people, its sales have been greatly enlarged, and to-day it is regarded as a leader in all goods pertaining to gentlemen's wear in clothing, suitings, furnishings, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. Located in the first store west of the post office, in a building specially designed for this business, it offers every advantage to the customer, and in its large stock all can be suited in style, finish and prices.

GIRARD.

GIRARD,

The county seat of Crawford County, is a flourishing city of three thousand inhabitants. It has three lines of railroad, reaching to every part of the country—the St. Louis & San Francisco, Santa Fé and Gulf Railroad. It has superior

which admits the holder to the freshman class of the State University. There are eight church organizations, with several splendid church edifices—the Episcopal, costing four thousand dollars, is the handsomest in Southern Kansas. The city has an unusually large number of fine build-



manufacturing advantages and inducements, with an abundance of cheap coal near at hand, and with these unrivaled railroad facilities, no city offers greater inducements for manufacturing. A good beginning has already been made. The Girard Foundry, Machine and Stove Company now has in operation the largest stove works in the West, excepting the one at Leavenworth. They have a capital of twenty thousand dollars. Lead and zinc are mined in Kansas and Missouri to the immediate south. Girard has three banks; the Bank of Girard is one of the best known and most solid financial institutions of the West.

Girard has three flouring-mills, buggy and plow factories, three newspapers, two planing-mills, two elevators, good water works, fine streets lined with shade trees, electric lights; the main streets are macadamized.

The city has strong educational and religious organizations. There are three fine school houses, one built a year ago. The high school diploma is the only one in this part of the State

ings, both business houses and residences, a great many constructed within the last year or two. The city voted twenty thousand dollars to build the court house, the total cost being thirty-five thousand dollars.

Girard is indeed a beautiful city; in fact, there are few cities in the West can compare with it in attractiveness. Some of the loveliest homes in the State are to be found here. The citizens take pride in maintaining respectable streets and attractive grounds. One of its most charming features is the Higgin Park and artificial lake. The lake covers fifteen acres, and is interspersed with several small islands. Girard is distinctly a center of wealth, refinement and education, and with her many advantages, no town in the State offers better inducements to anyone seeking a comfortable fortune or a desirable home.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Crawford County was organized in 1867. In 1870 it had a population of 8,160; in 1875, of 9,386; in 1878, of 12,759; in 1880, of 16,834; in

1881, of 18,138; in 1882, of 19,417; in 1883, of 21,058; in 1884, of 23,684; in 1885, of 25,378; in 1886, of 26,180, and in 1890, of 33,000. The above shows that the county has been constantly and continuously advancing and prospering.

It is located near the southeast corner of the State, bordering upon Missouri, and having only one county between it and the Indian Territory, and has more miles of railroad than any other county in Kansas. The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf has two lines through the county, one running north and south near the center, and having Farlington, Girard, Beulah and Cherokee as stations, and the other through the eastern part of the county north and south, and the southern part east and west, with Arcadia, Coalvale, Mulberry Grove, Pittsburg, Cherokee, Monmouth and McCune as stations. The Missouri Pacific, in the northwestern part of the county has Hepler and Walnut as stations, and in the southeast, on another line, Pittsburg and Cherokee. The Southern Kansas passes through Walnut, Brazilton, Girard and Frontenac; the St. Louis & San Francisco through Opolis, Pittsburg and Girard, the latter being the terminus; and the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis through Arcadia. This makes seven different railroads completed, with a number of others that will soon be under construction.

It contains 592 square miles, or 378,850 acres, and on March 1, 1886, averaged 64.22 inhabitants to the square mile, and no more prosperous, intelligent, and happy people can be found anywhere.

Ninety per cent of the land is prairie, ten per cent forest, composed of belts of timber along the streams, Lightning, Thunderbolt, Hickory, Walnut, Limestone, Big, Little and Middle Cow Creeks, Pawnee, Drywood, Bone and Cox's Creeks, etc.

Coal underlies the entire county, the veins ranging in thickness from five feet downwards. Hundreds of miners are employed, and the output for shipment alone exceeds 7,000,000 bushels a year. This coal makes the county one of the most desirable in the United States for manufacturing establishments, and already the smoke from numerous factories in different places within its borders can be seen; but the possibilities are simply immense, and there is no good reason why capital should not seek it and be richly rewarded by utilizing its vast coal measures.

But not in mineral wealth alone is the county rich. It has a fertile soil and rich farming lands, and its products will compare well with those of any other section of the Union. The value of its field crops for 1890 was \$3,000,000, and its live stock \$2,787,287. The assessed value of its lands amounted to \$2,647,975; personal property, \$989,614; city lots, \$942,786, and railroad property, \$1,001,294.

Last year 214,852 acres were reported by the assessors as being under fence, and 283,745 acres in cultivation, the value of farms being placed at \$8,589,815.

There are 119 organized school districts, with a school population of 10,363.

In short, Crawford is one of the grandest and best counties in Kansas in all that goes to make its inhabitants wealthy and comfortable.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GIRARD.

McCoy & Sidwell, Jewelers.—McCoy & Sidwell, jewelers, on the west side of the Square, are one of the old and reliable business firms of this city. The large store presents a handsome appearance, with its carefully-arranged display of fine watches and jewelry, solid and plated silverware, clocks, etc. They carry an elegant line of optical goods, and have a fine lot of well-selected wall paper. Their goods have a range in quality and price which enables them to reach the demands of all classes. The firm is made up of J. H. McCoy and M. E. Sidwell. Mr. McCoy is a native of Minnesota, and has been a resident of Kansas eighteen years. He is a member of the Masonic order, and K. of P. lodge, and is recognized as a leader in all worthy enterprises. Mrs. Sidwell was born in Indiana, and came to Girard more than twenty-one years ago. She is a well-informed lady, who has at heart the interests of Kansas and Girard. The business which they conduct was established in 1869, and since its inception has been one of Girard's most reliable institutions.

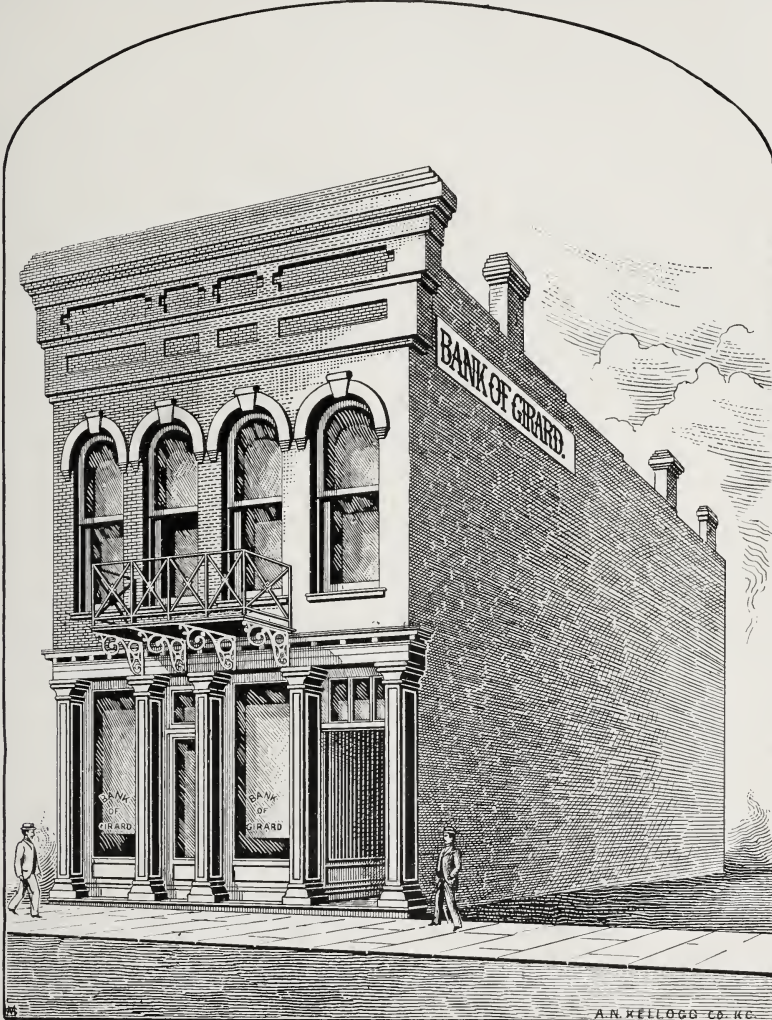
Grantham & Satterthwaite, Abstracters of Title.—In all real estate transactions, where title is involved, it is necessary to have an abstract showing the various transfers and the continuous chain of title from the Government down. That there may be no mistake, the abstractor should be entirely responsible and reliable. The above firm is one of this character, and to afford additional security they have bonded themselves in the sum of \$5,000. The firm has had a successful business career of nine years. They possess the only complete set of abstracts in Crawford County, and are doing a large business, filling many orders by mail. Mr. William Grantham is a native of Illinois, and has been in Kansas eleven years. He has served on the city council, belongs to the A. O. U. W., and is generally respected as of high personal character. A. R. Satterthwaite hails from New Jersey, and has been in Kansas twelve years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, and a gentleman of business talent. In addition to the abstract business, they handle three or four of the best insurance companies, and do a large loan business, doing the examining themselves, and paying over the money when papers are properly signed.

Girard Roller Mills, C. Hitz, Proprietor.—There are but few manufacturing enterprises in Southeastern Kansas of more importance than the Girard Roller Mills, owned and operated by Mr. C. Hitz. The mill is a brick structure, four stories, and is 50x80 feet in dimensions. It is operated by steam power, is equipped with improved patent roller machinery, and has a capacity of 100 barrels per day. The elevator in connection has a storage capacity of 10,000 bushels, or a handling capacity of 40,000 bushels of grain per day. Mr. Hitz buys his grain direct from the farmer, paying the highest market price, and the flour he turns out is all that superior grain, superior machinery, and superior

milling could make it. The business of the mills extends over Southeastern Kansas, Southwestern Missouri, Indian Territory, Texas, etc. Mr. Hitz is a native of Switzerland, but has been in Kansas for many years, and ranks with the oldest citizens of Girard. He is also of the firm of Tontz Bros & Hitz, that is operating the great stove foundry, and is a member of the city council.

Bank of Girard.—One of the solid financial institutions of Girard and Crawford County,

of Illinois, and a graduate of the N. W. University of Evanston, Ill., in 1879. He further pursued his studies at Ann Arbor and University of Leipsic, Germany, two years, then graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1881. He practiced ten years previous to coming to Kansas, in 1884. Dr. Haldeman is a gentleman of affable manner, educated and cultivated, and one of the most accommodating gentlemen one could wish to meet. Oscar W. Schaeffer, the cashier, was brought up in Girard, and entered the bank when young. He is regarded as one



that has won the favor of the public by conservative management and legitimate business methods, is the private banking house of Dr. H. W. Haldeman. The bank has had a prosperous career of twenty years, and is the oldest in the county. It has been under the present management for six years, and has proven a source of profit to the proprietor, as well as a valuable commercial establishment to the City of Girard, and Crawford County. Dr. Haldeman is a native

of the most thorough bankers in this section of the State. The bank has an abundance of capital, and the individual liabilities are unlimited. R. G. Dun rates Dr. Haldeman at "50-75,000," and "very good," which rating is low. A general banking business is transacted, including the buying and selling of exchange on all principal cities of the United and Europe, buying notes, loaning money on personal or chattel security, etc. Their correspondents are the National

Park Bank, New York City, and the Merchants' National Bank of Kansas City.

John W. Magie, Register of Deeds.—A county official elected from active life may be depended upon to transact the affairs of the county with a view to accuracy and economy. In John W. Magie, Crawford County has a register of deeds who is thoroughly devoted to the interests of the people. A native of New Jersey, he has been in Kansas thirteen years and was engaged in farming previous to his election in 1889. He was elected from Washington Township. Though a young-looking man, he served his country during the war in Co. C, 134th Ill. Vols., for six months. Mr. Magie was a good farmer and makes a good register. He employs three assistants and keeps the records in first-class condition. He holds membership with the G. A. R., Masons, Chapter and Commandery.

Jas. A. Smith, Probate Judge.—The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest citizens of Crawford County. During the war he served in Co. F, 17th Ill. Vols., as corporal, for over three years, receiving an honorable discharge. In 1864 he located in Kansas, the following year settling in Fort Scott, where he was admitted to the bar in 1866. He began practice at Pleasant View, the then county seat of the Neutral Strip, and was elected the first prosecuting attorney of the Neutral Strip. He prominently assisted in the organization of Cherokee and Crawford Counties, and was elected the first prosecuting attorney under the organization of Cherokee County. He has served several terms as justice of the peace, and in 1876 was elected probate judge, serving continuously till 1885. In 1888 he was again elected and is still holding the office. He affiliates with his comrades in the G. A. R., and holds membership with the Masonic fraternity. His incumbency as probate judge has been characterized by entire harmony with his fellow officials, the Crawford County bar and the people generally.

Clerk of District Court, Jesse R. Carpenter.—In Jesse R. Carpenter, Crawford County possesses a clerk that in every respect meets the requirements of the office. A native of Ohio, Mr. C. has lived in Kansas for the past seventeen years. In 1866 he was elected from Washington Township to his present position, being engaged in farming. He is now serving his second term. During the war he served in Co. H, 136th Ohio Vols., and came out of the army with a record for faithful service. He is a member of the G. A. R., O. U. W. and Masonic fraternity, and commands the respect and confidence of everyone who knows him.

The "Herald," Col. Percy Daniels, Editor and Proprietor.—The *Girard Herald*, an independent political paper, has been established for the past thirteen years. It is a four-page weekly, with a circulation of 1,000 and rapidly increasing. It came under the present management, January 1, 1890. Col. Percy Daniels is a native of Rhode Island, obtaining his education in the schools of that State. He is a civil engineer by occupation, and was engaged in railroad work for many years. During the war he

enlisted in the 7th R. I., serving three years, rising from second lieutenant to colonel, and commanded the regiment during the last year of the war. The last four months of his service was spent in command of Fort Hill, at Petersburg, Va., during that famous siege. In 1857 he came to Kansas, remaining until 1873, when he returned to Worcester, Mass., where he served as city engineer. In 1881 he returned to Kansas, and has served as county surveyor of Crawford County five years. He is author of a course of lectures to the farmers on economic problems, which has been printed in pamphlet form under the title of "A Crisis for the Husbandman," that is attracting widespread attention and receiving many commendatory notices from the press and economic thinkers all over the Union.

V. T. Boaz & Co., Drugs.—No institution is of more value than a reliable, properly conducted drug store. Of such an establishment Girard boasts in the house of V. T. Boaz & Co. Their stock is made up of the purest of drugs and chemicals, besides which they have a full line of toilet accessories, paints and oils, brushes, and sundries. Mr. Boaz is a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of the State University, and his assistant is also a registered pharmacist. Their store is neat, and customers are treated with genuine courtesy. Both Mr. Boaz and his partner, Dr. J. B. Gardner are natives of Kentucky, and are typical representatives of the courteous gentlemen of that State. Dr. Gardner is a graduate of the Medical College of Louisville, Ky. He is local surgeon of the Santa Fé System; is city health officer, and county physician.

A. W. Barker, Dry Goods and Groceries.—One of the heaviest stocks carried in Girard is that owned by the gentleman whose familiar name forms our caption. His store contains a stock equally varied and complete in dry goods and groceries. Mr. Barker finds it necessary to employ three clerks to attend to the wants of his immense custom, and no one has a force of help more polite and efficient. It has been four years and a half since Mr. Barker began his business, and success has attended him from the first. He was born in Ohio, and came to Kansas fifteen years ago, twelve years of which have been engaged in mercantile enterprise in Girard. He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, makes no bluster and show, but conducts his business on honorable principles, and holds the confidence of the people.

J. G. Eastwood, Harness and Saddles.—The oldest harness dealer in the city is Mr. J. G. Eastwood. He established himself in business in 1869, and has been able throughout these years to hold his own against any and all who have tried to compete with him. His stock of harness, saddles, bridles, collars, whips, etc., is very complete, and of superior quality of material and workmanship. Mr. Eastwood is a native of Illinois. He served during the war as a non-commissioned officer in Co. C, 59th Ill. Reg't, and immediately after came to Kansas. He has a large following of personal friends. He has served many terms as police judge most satisfactory to all. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of L.

Chicago Bargain House, M. B. Finical, Proprietor.—Among Girard's mercantile establishments, the Chicago Bargain House is high in popular favor. It is one of those convenient stores where you can buy everything in the way of fancy goods and notions, and that at prices which perfectly justify its use of the name, "Bargain House." Tastefully and conveniently arranged, on 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent counters, are genuine bargains, and it is impossible to mention any article in its line of trade which cannot here be found. Mr. M. B. Finical, the proprietor, is a native of Ohio, who came to Kansas six years ago. He was educated at the college at Hopedale, Ohio, and for some years followed school-teaching. He established business in our city two years ago, and has succeeded in making it one of the features of the place. Mr. Finical is an able man of business, and is a K. of P. and a Modern Woodman.

Lew. H. Phillips, Books, Stationery, and News.—At the head of the trade in Girard, in books, stationery, and news, we find Lew H. Phillips. Although his establishment is yet in its infancy, having been founded in September of last year, yet by reason of his excellent stock and correct methods he has already left all competitors. His stock contains standard works, scientific, historical and biographical, poetry, fiction, and books of reference. His assortment of stationery is unequalled, and his news stand contains the great daily papers and leading periodicals. Mr. Phillips has been a resident of Girard twenty years, having come here from his native home, Ohio. Prior to the establishment of his present business, he was engaged for five years as a druggist, previous to which he was in the postal service. He is a member of the order of K. of P.

James S. Upham, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—This is the principal livery stable of this city. Mr. Upham has had many years of experience in the business. He has good teams and stylish turnouts. His large brick stable, 50x150 feet, two stories high, is quite a handsome building, and in addition to his own stock it affords room for a large number of boarders. Mr. Upham is an enterprising gentleman, who possesses those attributes necessary to the successful management of any enterprise which depends upon the public for its support.

S. C. Morgan, Jeweler.—Nothing is a better index to the character of a person than the jewelry which he wears. The people of Girard have in the establishment of Mr. S. C. Morgan a place where they can satisfy their taste for the most chaste and elegant jewelry and silverware. His stock of jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks and optical goods is unexcelled. He also does fine work in repairing. Mr. Morgan is universally respected, and his zeal in the welfare of Girard is marked. His affability and reliability have won him hosts of friend.

Commercial Hotel, Mrs. C. H. Tinker, Proprietress; Southeast Corner of Square.—The Commercial Hotel is a popular and well-patronized hostelry. The cheap rates and excellent accommodations have won for it the favor of

local trade and much of the commercial patronage. The house is conveniently located on the southeast corner of the Public Square, near both depots and the business center. There are twenty-four guest rooms, and the house is kept in neat condition by the indefatigable efforts of the proprietress and her corps of assistants. The house has been under present management about one year, and is doing a flourishing business. Mr. Chas. Tinker, a most competent chef, presides over the culinary department. Mrs. Tinker has proven a complete success as a hostess, and has demonstrated superior executive ability.

Tontz Bros. & Hitz, The Girard Foundry.—The Girard Foundry, Machine and Stove Company is the second largest concern of its



kind in Kansas. It was established six years ago in a frame structure that burned down after three years of successful business, when the present premises were built, 40x210 feet in dimensions, two stories, covered with corrugated iron. The products of this plant are horse-powers, hoisters, smelting machinery and thirty different kinds of stoves. Twenty-five men are employed in the works and two men are kept on the road taking orders from local dealers. This foundry supplies the smelting machinery for the Pittsburg works, and does business through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, etc. Iron fronts, architectural and general job work are also made. Mr. John Tontz, the active manager, is a native of Switzerland and a mechanic of large experience. He came to the United States in 1845, and several years later to Girard. He is owner of the St. James Hotel. Mr. Jones Tontz, a non-resident partner, is a farmer in Illinois. Mr. C. Hitz is the proprietor of Girard's roller-mills. The Girard Foundry, Machine and Stove Company is really one of the most important manufacturing institutions in the State, and is demonstrating every day that manufacturing can be carried on successfully in Kansas.

C. A. Giles, Dealer in Dry Goods and Notions.—One of the newest enterprises in Girard is the dry goods emporium of C. A. Giles, in the Kincaid Building on the south side. Mr. Giles began business on the 15th of March of the present year, and has already built up a flourishing trade. He has a stock of dry goods, dress goods and notions of every style. He realizes that the public wish good goods, and that small profits make quick sales. He employs two polite clerks. An experience of twelve years has given

Mr. G. a thorough knowledge of the business. He is a native of New York, and has been a resident of Kansas fourteen years, the last three years of which have been spent in Girard. He is a gentleman of pronounced business talents, devoted to the interests of Kansas, and a member of the Masonic order and of the Equitable Aid Union.

H. G. Crawford, Oysters, Fruits, Berries, and Confectionery. — One of the most popular places of resort in Girard is the establishment of H. G. Crawford. Nowhere can be obtained a more delicious, appetizing stew, or dish of oysters in any form; and during the heated months, his ice cream is the synonym for excellence. Besides, he keeps a stock of fresh fruits, confections, nuts, and cigars and tobacco. He has been in his present business since 1884, and during that time no rival has been able to supplant him in the popular favor. A native of Illinois, he removed to Kansas twenty years ago. He is a member of K. of P. lodge.

Lyons & Firmin, Harness, Saddles, Whips, Collars, Lap Robes, Blankets, Etc. — In the firm of Lyons & Firmin we find noble representatives of the trade in harness, etc. The business was established more than fifteen years ago, by Mr. William Lyons. Their commodious store contains an excellent line of everything connected with the trade. Mr. Lyons has had a life-time's experience in the business. He is well known throughout the county, and is universally respected. Mr. Fred Firmin is an Englishman by

birth, who has been in the United States and in Kansas for seven years. He has been connected with the business for over a year. He is a tinner and plumber by trade, and adds new energy to the business.

D. A. Vincent, Butcher. — On the north side of the Square, in Girard, is situated one of the most satisfactory places to buy meat, for not only is there the greatest variety to select from, but also its excellent quality is assured. We refer to the shop owned and conducted by D. A. Vincent. Mr. Vincent has had long experience in business. He always has on hand a variety of fresh meats, beef, veal, pork, mutton and sausages, besides cured meats, lard, etc. Besides the stock which he butchers, he is an extensive shipper of fat stock. Mr. Vincent is shrewd and practical, and possesses the fullest confidence of his patrons.

Long-Bell Lumber Company. — Doing business in Girard is a branch of that well known firm, the Long-Bell Lumber Company, whose yards throughout Kansas number thirty-two. Their yard here is 100x300 feet, and contains a stock worth at least \$12,000. They have over 400 feet of shedding. The company has been established in Girard seven years, and is the largest-patronized lumber yard in Crawford County. Conducting such an extensive business over the State, they are enabled to give prices which smaller dealers cannot afford to duplicate. The company is represented by Mr. I. L. Warner, who has been their agent here two years.

PITTSBURG.

From the "American Banker":

PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

A PROMISING MANUFACTURING CITY, IN A WELL-DEVELOPED AGRICULTURAL STATE.

The two names, Pittsburg and Kansas, at the head of this article, suggest two very distinct ideas, the first being to our minds the smoky city of the same name among the coal and iron fields of Pennsylvania, whose great progress and vast wealth have resulted from the development of the mineral resources in and around it, while the second name suggests thoughts of waving fields of corn, green grass and herds of grazing sheep and cattle, and all the scenery of a life upon the fertile prairies of Eastern Kansas.

It is well that these two scenes be familiar to your eyes, for you are about to be introduced to a new scene, one in which the two distinct ideas are to be merged into one and the combination thus produced will give us a very clear idea of Pittsburg and Crawford County, Kansas. Those who have been accustomed to regard the State of Kansas wholly as an agricultural State, will find it hard to realize the picture as a truthful one; but we can assure such that the history of the growth and development of Pittsburg as a mining and manufacturing center, in the midst of an agricultural region of great fertility, and

one of the most prosperous of all Western agricultural regions, is told as seen by your correspondent after an extensive examination of this locality. The writer feels his lack of that flowery style which seems so easily at the command of many who call themselves "boom" writers, and in this case feels that his lack of it is compensated for in the statement that the facts as they presented themselves to him make it unnecessary that Pittsburg should have any such description at our hands. She is here with her nine thousand people, when scarcely one-half of that number could be counted two years ago. Like the city after whom she was named, she possesses the smoke and the furnaces, and in embryo has commenced to secure the manufactories which shall make her indeed a second Pittsburg, in fact, as well as in name. Beneath her streets and for a ratio of twenty-five miles or more, environing her, are to be found at a depth of from sixty to one hundred and fifty feet the black diamonds of carbon that make her the smelting and manufacturing city of the West. The quality of coal found is the very best of semi-bituminous coal, and the veins average from thirty-six to forty-eight inches in thickness.

The first question I found myself asking, is the future of Pittsburg an assured one, and is the quantity of coal in this locality sufficient to make it an important point for years to come?

A little figuring demonstrated that the coal underlying Crawford County is sufficient to last for three hundred or more years at the present rate of output. Indeed so certain are those who are the prime movers in the upbuilding of the city, that one of its proposals to manufacturers locating in Pittsburg is to furnish them coal for manufacturing purposes for fifty cents per ton for the next twenty years.

We have incidentally alluded to the furnaces of this city, and as one of its more important industries they deserve especial mention at this time.

Pittsburg is situated in the Southeastern portion of the State of Kansas, not far from the State line between Kansas and Missouri. The portion of Missouri adjacent to Crawford County is celebrated as the center of the chief lead and zinc ores found in combination within the United States. These ores are practically inexhaustible, and require from three to four tons of coal to smelt one ton of ore, and herein is the secret of Pittsburg's importance as a mining as well as a manufacturing town of great future importance. At the present time there are four large smelting furnaces, having eight blocks each, producing an output of upwards of six tons of zinc spelter daily, which capacity is to be largely increased in the near future by the erection of two new and mammoth smelters, which will employ upwards of 250 men alone. We find that within a radius of three miles of the city, there are upwards of 1,200 coal miners employed, while within a ten mile radius there are over 3,000 miners. In 1889 the coal output was 1,320,000 tons, which netted the 2,200 miners engaged in its production \$1,200,000 in wages; during the same season the output of zinc spelter was 26,400,000 pounds, employing over 500 men in its operation, at a cost of more than \$300,000 in wages. In addition to the coal mining and zinc smelting industries of the city, both of which are in their infancy, there are several manufacturing institutions, among which may be mentioned a sash and blind factory, employing 75 to 100 men; an agricultural implement works, and a steam boiler works. During the past year the town raised by subscription and set apart a fund of \$50,000, which with a like sum from the syndicate interested, is to be used in locating good paying manufacturing plants here.

Four great railroads reach Pittsburg — Missouri Pacific, Santa Fe, San Francisco and Gulf; all these lines built to the town without any inducement in the way of bonds or subsidy.

During the past three years \$60,000 has been spent in the erection of fine school buildings. Over \$7,415,000 capital stock is represented in the twenty or more corporations doing business here.

Pittsburg has fine water works, owned by a private corporation, but controlled by the city; it has three wells, 1,200 feet deep, from no one of which it has been possible to pump sufficient water in four days' steady pumping to lower the water more than ten feet. They are capable of supplying a city four times its present size. An electric street car line now runs two miles north and south from the center of the city, and two miles east and west. The electric light plant is the finest in the West.

We have spoken of the coal and mineral wealth of Pittsburg, but we doubt if anything we have said will give our readers an idea of its greatness and importance so much as this statement, which is based on facts, that it would require more cars to transport the coal produced, and the ore smelted in and around Pittsburg, in the year 1889, than it would to move the entire wheat crop of the State of Kansas for the same year. Miners can earn here \$40 to \$100 a month in the mines; smelter employes from \$2 to \$2.25 \$2.25 per day.



RESIDENCE OF MR. MCKIM.

A fine opera house, capable of seating 1,500 people, has been erected, and there are nine churches. The town is a strong supporter of several building and loan associations; very many of the laborers being owners of their homes through this method. Real estate is in active demand, and at fair price, the best business property being held at \$100 to \$150 a front foot, while good business lots can be got at \$75 a foot. Residence lots are held at from \$100 to \$1,000 each.

As an instance of the class of securities in Crawford County, your correspondent was informed that during the past twelve years but two foreclosures had been brought about in Pittsburg property, and both of these had been done for the purpose of quieting a defective title. As an indication of the power of rental property, for income, we had our attention called to the "Opera House Block," a property costing about \$70,000, which last year produced for Mr. Playter, its owner, \$9,000 in rents, or nearly thirteen per cent interest. Briefly summed up, the advantages of Pittsburg, tersely stated, are:

1st. Inexhaustible coal on the spot.

2nd. Richest lead and zinc mines the world has ever known, within twenty to thirty miles.

3rd. Iron ore grading as high as the Birmingham, Ala., ores, within 150 miles, and possibly less than fifty miles.

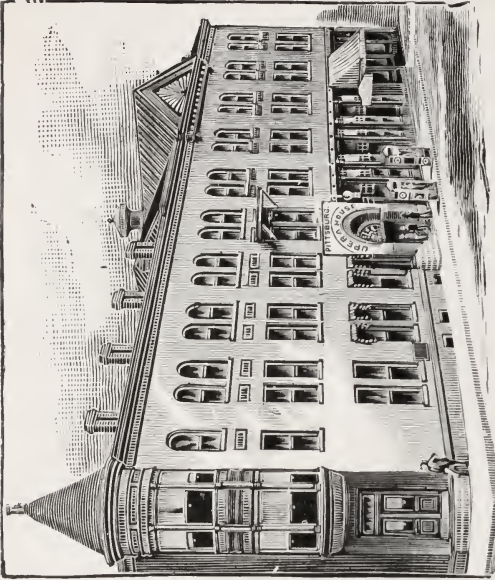
4th. With sandstone of a superior quality, and timber of all kinds for building purposes contiguous to and easily reached by rail.

5th. The largest pay roll of any city of its size in the Union.

6th. Low freight rates and low taxes; with all these and other advantages, Pittsburg, Kansas, offers opportunities which invite the examination of those who are seeking a good location,

and we confidently expect to see this place a city of not less than fifty thousand inhabitants when the census of the year 1900 is taken, or ten years from to-day.

The *Illustrated West and South* says of Pittsburg: "In these busy, eventful, life-quickenning days, when the work of ages is compassed in a decade by restless and resistless energies, quickened and intensified by the almost electrical impulse given to thought and action, men, and capital and sterling enterprise naturally seek live towns. In this spirit the reader and I go



to Pittsburg to see a brave, busy, bustling, buoyant city of nine thousand souls on the wild grazing grounds of a dozen years ago. Nor are we long in discovering the three prime elements, without which no good town was ever built, viz.: Live men, a good location, and abundant material resource. And these three—the Pittsburg trinity—are here in grand measure. Better or braver men than they who early planted their commercial and industrial standards on this beautiful plain never undertook the subjugation of crude materials to noble human uses. Rarely gifted in forecast, courage and working power, by a sort of sympathetic magnetism they attracted hither men of kindred tastes, talents and sympathies, and so the town grew strong in numbers, character and aggressive working force. From early to late, unity and public spirit have characterized the town-builders at Pittsburg. The infernal spirit of clique, and division and discord that has blighted the hopes of many a Western town has never entered this fortunate city. Everybody works, talks and writes for Pittsburg. And what splendid workers they are! If they want anything they usually get it—not by waiting for it to turn up, but by turning it up in the most practical fashion. Not long ago they concluded to have some new smelters and factories, and a new zinc rolling-mill, and it took an opera house mass meeting *just fifty minutes* to provide the one hundred thou-

sand dollars that secured them. They do not wait to be built up by extraneous forces, but build themselves up by the splendid forces at their command. Fine school houses, a capacious opera house, a large and handsome hotel, imposing business blocks, the water works, the electric light, the zinc smelters, the factories, coal shafts, the four great Western railway lines and whole avenues of elegant modern homes came at their bidding, because their bidding took a practical form."

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF PITTSBURG.

Sam Barratt, Mayor.—This gentleman, a native of England, is at the present time well known as the mayor of Pittsburg, having twice before ably given satisfaction in the same capacity. He is in the prime of life, and in his three races for the mayoralty, has been elected by handsome majorities over popular and worthy opponents. He is an indefatigable worker, and is well known as manager and head bookkeeper for Fred Massmann. He formerly was railroad contracting, and in the coal business for many years. He is a Mason, K. of P, and K. of Aurora. Since he has been mayor, a most visible improvement on the streets and throughout every department has been universally observed. He has always been known to take a lively interest in the affairs of city, county and State, and as one who is always ready to further any method for their advancement and prosperity.

C. B. Sweet & Bro., Lumber.—One of the most popular firms in the city is this one. They have two yards, one 100x171 feet, and the other with a 50 foot front and depth of ninety feet, together containing 350 feet of shedding. Their stock is valued at \$12,000, and contains a full assortment of various kinds of lumber, shingles, lath, moldings, sash, doors, and plasterers' supplies. During the five years since their establishment, they have always been true to their representations. Mr. C. B. Sweet and his brother, H. E., are natives of Illinois, and have been eight years in Kansas. They are public-spirited citizens, and are ever ready with their countenance and assistance, when legitimate enterprises are on foot for the furtherance of Pittsburg's interest.

Kansas and Texas Coal Company.—The general merchandise establishment of this company is the largest in Southeastern Kansas. It has been established many years, and was called into existence to supply the demands of the large force of miners employed by the company, in and around Pittsburg. The capital stock is \$2,000,000, and it ranks as one of the largest in the world. The officers are residents of St. Louis, and the management of affairs here is placed in the hands of Mr. F. E. Doubleday, one of the most competent business men and managers of large enterprises in the West. The establishment consists of four departments—dry goods and notions, groceries and queensware, carpets and trunks, and clothing and gents' furnishings. The emporium is fitted out with

all modern conveniences, necessitating the services of twenty-five clerks and porters, and three employes as an office force. The company employ a force of 750 men about Pittsburg. The building belongs to the company, is a magnificent three-story and basement brick, 75x100 feet.

Manufacturers' National Bank.—

The Manufacturers' National Bank is one of the heaviest financial organizations in Southeastern Kansas, and one that reflects credit upon the city. The institution is incorporated, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Organized October 3, 1889, its business has already assumed a prominence that insures an increased patronage, and it ranks as an important financial bulwark of the city. The offices in the Opera House Block are commodious and elegant, with every convenience for business. The active official directory: B. F. Hobart, president, F. E. Doubleday, vice president, A. L. Chaplin, cashier, insures a careful and legitimate management. They do a general banking business, issue foreign and domestic exchange, make collections, buy gilt-edge commercial paper, loan money on approved personal security, receive deposits, etc.

The J. B. Coon Manufacturing Company

manufacture the Coon patent harrow and seeder combined; also harrow, corn plow and corn planter in one machine, which have met with such phenomenal favor with the farmers everywhere, as the most complete and effective farming implements made. Mr. J. B. Coon is the patentee of the combined implement manufactured by the company, and personally superintends the business at this place. He has been established but one year and a half, but has done a large business, and increased his facilities until he now occupies a large brick structure 100x65 feet, with an L 50x50 feet. The capacity of the works is about 4,000 machines per year, valued at \$120,000. The works are fitted with forges, drill presses, punches, shaping-machines for bending the iron work with little labor, turning-lathes for wood working, and benches for other wood workmen, and the men who put the machines together. The motive power is supplied by a ten horse-power Westinghouse engine. This spring the company sold six car-loads of implements, and are daily filling small orders at the present time.

Henry Kettler, Druggist and Pharmacist.

—It is very necessary and important, in buying drugs and medicines, to patronize only such houses as deal in reliable goods. Henry Kettler has been established but two years, and yet has a custom of which many older firms might be proud. Nothing in the line of drugs and chemicals is wanting in his stock, and in his well-assorted line of patent medicines are found the celebrated Prickly Ash Bitters, and other preparations of recognized value. He carries wall paper, and employs two competent assistants. Mr. Kettler, who is a native of West Virginia, is a registered pharmacist, and is especially proficient in compounding. He is a member of the K. of P., and Sons of Herman. He has the energy and perseverance which characterize the people of his native State.

M. D. Miller, Furniture.—The furniture establishment of M. D. Miller deserves notice from the pen of the historian, not only as the oldest institution of the kind in the city, but also for its present status among the mercantile enterprises of Pittsburg. The stock of furniture, which is exceptionally large, occupies two floors, each 25x80 feet. Mr. Miller also does an undertaking and embalming business, and carries a full line of funeral goods. His embalmer, Mr. H. A. Stanley, has had an experience of eighteen years in the business. Mr. M. is well-known throughout the city and surrounding country, having been raised in Pittsburg. His mercantile career of twelve years has demonstrated that he is possessed of business ability of no mean order, and Pittsburg is proud to claim him as one of her prosperous young men.

Dry & Crowell, Pharmacists, Broadway,

Corner of Fourth Street.—At the beginning of the present year Dry & Crowell succeeded to the business of E. L. Sands. Their store on the corner of Broadway and Fourth Streets is stocked with the best assortment of pure drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, paints, oils, glass, putty and druggists' sundries. They give special attention to compounding physicians' and family receipts. Mr. Dry, who is a registered pharmacist, having charge of this department. The firm is made up of C. W. Dry and T. J. Crowell. The former was in business in Beulah prior to his coming to our city. He has had twelve years' experience as a druggist. Mr. Crowell was formerly a resident of Harper, where he was engaged in the lumber business, and where he had filled the offices of assistant auditor and collector, each two years. He also represented the Badger Lumber Company as traveling salesman for two years. Both gentlemen are possessed of an enterprise, and social qualities, which make them decided acquisitions to our city.

MacDonald Moore, M. D.,

Room 5, Opera House Block.—Prominent among the representative medical practitioners of Crawford County, stands Dr. MacDonald Moore, a graduate of one of the prominent medical colleges of our country, and an experienced practitioner. In no branch of human knowledge has the line of improvement been more marked than in the progress of the science of *materia medica*. The public need only to be guarded against imposition in the profession, (or rather outside of it,) for in the science of medicine, like all others, there are frauds, commonly called "quacks." Dr. Moore ranks with the first of this profession. Since his location here he has established a successful and lucrative practice, and has won the favor of many of the best families of whom he is the regular attendant.

J. A. Nuttman, Lumber.—

One of the oldest lumber yards in the city is that of J. A. Nuttman, situated near the Frisco depot. It is 150x170 feet in dimensions, and having 250 feet of shedding. It has been established for ten years, and has been in the hands of the present proprietor for upwards of eight years. The stock embraces all kinds of lumber, as well as lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, moldings, and plasterers' and painters' materials. Mr.

Nuttman, who is a native of Indiana, came here from Kansas City, where he had been engaged in business for sixteen years. As will be judged, he thoroughly understands the lumber trade. He enjoys an immense custom, and retains two assistants in his yards. He is a man of energy and push, and has acquired a competency as the result of close application to business.

Hogeboom & Co., Drugs.—Among the dealers in drugs in this city, Hogeboom & Co. occupy an important position. They are the successors to the A. O. Craig Drug Company, who had an existence of six years. The stock of drugs and chemicals, paints, oils, varnishes, and painters' supplies generally, toilet articles, and druggists' sundries, is unsurpassed in the city, while their prescription department is a favorite with physicians. Their store is 25x90 feet, and the stock is well arranged and neatly kept. The members of the firm are gentlemen of ability, integrity and good reputation with all who know them.

W. W. Bell & Bro., Practical Painters and Decorators.—The principal work in the way of painting, paper-hanging and decorating in Pittsburg, is done by the above-named firm, and many of the most palatial homes and finest business houses bear evidence to their taste and skill. They carry an elegant assortment of wall paper, window shades, artists' supplies, picture moldings, paints, oils and glass, plain, plate and colored. They employ a force of eight to fifteen men, who are all of good experience and skill, and are thus enabled to fill all orders for work promptly and satisfactorily. The firm is made up of the brothers, W. W. and C. R. Bell, gentlemen of talents of high order. They are natives of Illinois, who took Horace Greeley's advice, and came to Pittsburg two years ago.

Lewis Hull, Meats.—The dealer in fresh and cured meats, who merits the largest custom of any in the city, is Mr. Lewis Hull. His market is the largest, and is well prepared for keeping his meats sweet and fresh. He buys his stock from the farmers of the county, employing a buyer of excellent judgment for this work. He does his own butchering, twenty-five cattle and fifty hogs being killed each week. He does considerable packing in addition to his wholesale and retail trade; his sugar-cured hams and celebrated lard (a specialty) are considered very superior, and find a ready market, both in the city and adjacent towns. He gives employment to eight men. Mr. Hull was born in West Virginia, and has been in Kansas six years, the first of which was spent in Parsons. He has been in business here for five years, until the present year, under the firm name of Hull & Dillon. He has had fifteen years' experience in butchering. He is a good business man, and a worthy citizen, high in the esteem of the people, whom he has represented on the city council.

H. S. Bowman, Furniture and Stoves; Undertaking a Specialty.—New residents of Pittsburg and vicinity will do well to call upon H. S. Bowman, the popular furniture man, before furnishing their houses, and see his elegant stock and learn his prices. Mr. Bowman's store

is 25x90 feet on the ground floor, and 50x90 feet in dimensions above, besides a large warehouse, 26x60 feet, all of which are filled with furniture, stoves, queensware, and all kinds of household goods, as well as wood coffins and cases, and metallic caskets. He has been in business here five years, and his large custom calls for the assistance of four clerks. The proprietor, who was born in Ohio, has been a resident of Kansas for fourteen years, and came to Pittsburg in 1882. He conducts his store on correct principles, and has placed himself among the respected business men of Pittsburg. He is an I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and K. of P.

S. J. Beardsley, Gents' Furnishings.—This establishment has been in operation less than four years, but its business will compare with competitors of much longer life. The proprietor has a gents' furnishing establishment in Girard, also, which he personally oversees, leaving the Pittsburg store in the excellent management of Mr. L. C. Bowles, who is a native of Indiana, but has been in Kansas twenty-four years, seven of which have been spent in Girard. He has had an experience of twelve years in the mercantile business. Mr. Bowles is a courteous gentleman of personal popularity, and has the favor of the public.

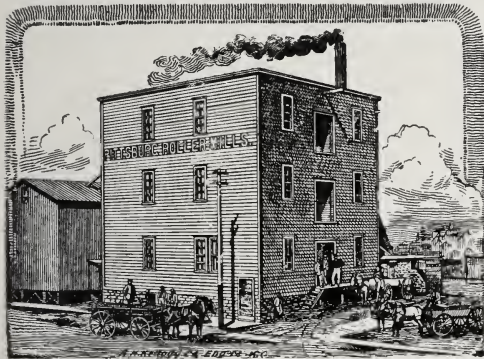
Morgan Lee, Manager Virginia Coal Mining Company.—The Virginia Coal Mining Company is one of the most important doing business in Pittsburg. They are represented at this place by their manager, Mr. Morgan Lee, who is ready to fill all orders in Pittsburg or surrounding cities on short notice, either in car-load lots or smaller quantities for city custom. He keeps a full force of men and teams at his disposal to deliver coal to customers in any part of the city. During the coal season the business done by Mr. Lee is of considerable magnitude, and, in fact, his business is good the year round. Mr. Lee is a popular gentleman, and the business of the company is in good hands.

Congdon & Vogel, Real Estate and Loans, No. 104½ North Broadway.—The work accomplished by Pittsburg's enterprising real estate and loan-brokers can hardly be overestimated. Prominent among those whose efforts have been directed in her behalf, and who have proven valuable factors in her commercial importance, stands the firm whose name forms the caption of this article. Of sound, practical judgment, Messrs. Congdon & Vogel's knowledge of locations, and of present and prospective values, is worthy of consideration at the hands of capitalists, home-seekers and investors. They have lots and houses, business property of all descriptions, and vacant property in every part of the city, and are agents for all of the new additions. Their office, in the Opera House Block, is headquarters for those who want inside values. They also represent the Phoenix Loan Association, and are doing a large business in that line, furnishing money at the lowest rates of interest. A special feature of their business is their exchanges of real estate in different parts of the country, in which they stand without a rival.

A. Nagel & Co., Dealers in Fresh and Salt Meats; Shop on North Broadway.—The meat

market of A. Nagel & Co. was established in April of the present year, but they have met with so flattering a success that they rank with competitors of much older growth. They keep constantly on hand a supply of all kinds of fresh meat, beef, pork, mutton, veal, sausage, etc., salt and cured meats. They have an immense refrigerator. The store is 25x125 feet in dimensions, and affords them ample room. Mr. Nagel is a young man of business ability and promise, and is a practical butcher. His partner, who is also his father-in-law, was engaged in smelter work, in which line he is an expert, previous to entering this business.

Davis & McKim, Pittsburg Roller Mills.
—This enterprise was inaugurated about five years ago and has been doing a flourishing busi-



ness ever since. The mill is three-story and basement, 50x50 feet, and is fitted out with full patent-roller process, operated by steam power and working fifteen employes. The capacity is 100 barrels of flour and 20,000 pounds of corn meal every twenty-four hours. The products embrace flour, feed, corn meal and mill stuffs, and find a market over an extensive territory. The firm buy corn, wheat and oats of the farmers, for which they pay the highest market price. An elevator at one side of the mill furnishes storage for the grain bought. The "High Patent," "Eli," "Silver Queen" and "Extra Fancy" brands of flour made by this mill have won more than a local reputation, and are gradually extending the fame of the Pittsburg Roller Mills to other States. Messrs Davis and McKim have won the favor of the public by honorable business methods. Mills completely rebuilt and remodeled; latest improved system. Nothing but standard grades manufactured, and their flour is unexcelled by any in the market. Located on Gulf, 'Frisco, Missouri Pacific and Santa Fé tracks. Write for prices.

Pianos and Organs, W. A. Burchfield, Manager.—Humboldt said that "The house that has a library in it has a soul." This is certainly true of a musical instrument. Mr. W. A. Burchfield operates the leading musical instrument establishment of Pittsburg. He carries in stock the Kimball, Emerson and Hallett & Davis pianos, and the Kimball organs, which he sells for cash or on time payments at the very lowest prices. He is both a theoretical and mechanical musician. A native of Tennessee, his busi-

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ness has led him to several States. He has similar establishments at Joplin, Mo., and Columbus, Kas.

Ramsey & Smith, Dealers in Feed and Grain, South Broadway.—Ramsey & Smith are the leaders in the sale of feed and grain, in this city, and in their store house on South Broadway they have an immense stock, which is not only of larger proportion than any other in the city, but is sold at lower prices. They do a large business, and keep one wagon busy. Their store room is 30x60 feet, and is absolutely fire proof. The business was established in 1888. Mr. F. H. Ramsey is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1881. He is a gentleman of pleasant manners, and good business talent. His partner is L. M. Smith, the well-known jeweler.

Planing-Mill, Frank Walker, Proprietor.—An institution of moderate pretensions, and no bluster, and yet one that is doing a good business in a modest way, is the Walker Planing-Mill. It has been established one year, and has won favor by reliable work and moderate prices. The building is 50x80 feet, and is operated by a ten horse-power steam engine. From three to five assistants are required to aid Mr. Walker in the management. Mr. Walker came to Kansas from Illinois, and has succeeded in building up a business of more than local importance by close application and hard work. All kinds of wood work, scroll sawing, and turning, is done in the shortest time, and in the most improved manner. The pattern room is provided with every kind of pattern for latest styles and design of wood work, and the plant is thoroughly equipped for a good business.

W. M. West, Manufacturer of Fine Cigars.—There is a growing sentiment in favor of home-made cigars in preference to those manufactured in the slums and tenements of the great cities by filthy workmen, both American and Chinese. No true American should smoke any but familiar brands made by home labor. The business of Mr. W. M. West was established May 1st, 1889, and has continued with a growing trade to the present time. He does a wholesale and retail business and employs four workmen. Mr. West is a native of Missouri, and has resided in Kansas for a number of years. He handles only reliable and pure goods. His favorite brands are the "Seal of Kansas," "Last Edition" and "Mistletoe." Mr. West is a social gentleman, courteous to all and enjoys the fullest confidence of the public.

"Pittsburg Kansan," J. C. Buchanan.—This paper has been established but the short time since July 1st, 1889, and is already recognized as the leading organ of the Democratic party in Southeastern Kansas. Its indefatigable labor in behalf of the city in every edition, both in prose and verse, has had a telling effect in the development of the city. The plant is thoroughly equipped with a nice job outfit, is operated by steam power, has Chicago Stop Cylinder press, and turns out 1,000 papers every week that have no superiors in mechanical execution. Mr. J. C. Buchanan, the versatile editor, is a native of Scotland, but has been in the United States for fifty-five years engaged in school-

teaching and editorial work. His experience as editor covers a period of thirty years.

O. S. Casad, Post Master.—January 30, 1890, President Harrison, through the patronage of Congressman A. W. Perkins, of Kansas, appointed Mr. Casad post master of Pittsburg. March 1, following, the appointee assumed control of the office, at a salary of \$1,900 per year. A native of Illinois, Mr. Casad enlisted in the war when quite young, serving three years in Co. B, 62d Ill. Inf., from which he received discharge as corporal. In 1876, after a thorough course of reading, he was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, Ill., and four years later came to Kansas, finally locating in Pittsburg. Since his residence here he has been engaged in practicing law and dealing in real estate, serving at different times as city attorney and city clerk. Mr. Casad holds membership with the G. A. R., of which he is commander, Modern Woodmen, and the Methodist Church.

M. E. Pumphrey, Proprietor Pittsburg Market.—The Pittsburg Market has had an existence of three years, and has attained a merited reputation as a trading mart. In April of this year, Mr. M. E. Pumphrey succeeded to the proprietorship, refitted and finished the market throughout. He has had an experience of thirty-five years in the business; has been three years in Pittsburg, and was connected with the firm of Hull, Dillon & Co., just prior to opening this establishment. He operates five employees, buying direct from the farmers, and doing his own killing. He carries everything in the meat line, and makes a specialty of packing, in which he is prepared to compete with any local firm.

M. L. Boas, M. D.—Dr. Boas has been practicing here some time with uniform success. His office, over the K. & T. store, has been elegantly fitted up and is supplied with a choice reference library and surgical appliances of every description for the successful prosecution of the most difficult operations. He also makes his headquarters in Kettler's drug store, and at one or the other of the above places he can always be found during office hours, ready to attend any call.

Geo. H. Richey, Real Estate Broker, has contributed his full share of sympathy to every enterprise that had for its object the welfare of the city. He does a general real estate business, but makes a specialty of coal and zinc lands, having on his books a valuable list of such. Mr. R. is originally from Ohio, but has resided in Kansas for a quarter of a century, and in Pittsburg for twelve years. Eighteen years of his residence in Kansas has been devoted to the real estate and coal business, and there is not a man in Crawford County with a better knowledge of values and locations.

Hotel Cissna.—An important hotel here is the Cissna, well located near the depots. The numerous rooms for the accommodation of guests are convenient and commodious. Electric lights, bells and all modern conveniences. Mr. W. H. Goodall, the manager, is a practical business man, being also here in the grocery business. His experience and judgment in matters relating to his business being widely known to his numerous and fast-increasing patrons.

CHEROKEE.

CHEROKEE, situated as she is, in the midst of the great coal fields of Southeastern Kansas, and surrounded by the most fertile soil to be found in the West, and with her great system of railroads, is destined to be a city of no mean importance.

Cherokee is a beautiful city, with her palatial residences, beautiful churches, and substantial brick blocks, while we have a high school building second to none in Southern Kansas. These all go to show that the people have come here to stay.

Cherokee has several factories, principal among which is one making hay presses, which find their way to Europe; hay rakes are also sent all over the United States. The flouring-mills run day and night.

Cherokee, in common with the other towns here, has great prospects from the immense coal, lead and zinc veins beneath the surface. This has been spoken of at length, under the heading, "Crawford County."

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CHEROKEE.

The Cherokee Bank, Geo. W. Pye & Co.—This institution is the financial bulwark of Cherokee. With a capital stock of \$20,000, it was established in 1881, and has pursued a career of usefulness. Mr. Geo. W. Pye is a native of Ohio, and has been in Kansas eighteen years. During the war he served in Co. H, 37th Ind. Vols., for two and a half years, beginning as second lieutenant, and being mustered out as captain. He is an ordained minister of the M. E. Church, has preached thirty years, and now belongs to the South Kansas M. E. Conference. His wife is the "Co." of the firm, and he is assisted in the bank by his son.

S. C. Irwin, Lunch Room.—This popular lunch room has been established about six months, and since its inception has driven a brisk trade. His lunches are always fresh, and he is also prepared to furnish summer drinks, and carries confectionery, cigars, tobacco, etc. Mr. Irwin was born in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Kansas for twenty years. He served during the war in Co. I, 19th Ill., and Co. F, 21st Iowa, being in the service four years and one month. He was an orderly sergeant when mustered out. He is an active member of the G. A. R.

Lindell Hotel.—This well-known hostelry, the property of Mrs. Lottie E. Neill, is a handsome three-story brick, 46x100, and contains thirty-four rooms. It has every convenience for commercial men, and a first-class *cuisine*, no town of this size in Kansas comparing with Cherokee in hotel accommodation. Mrs. Neill was born in West Virginia, has been in Kansas eighteen years, and established in the Lindell

two years. The active manager, John Hinkson, is a gentleman of extensive experience in hotel life.

Dr. A. M. Wright, Dentist.—Dr. A. M. Wright came to our city about six months ago. He is a thorough master of all the departments of his profession, having attended at the Dental College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and having a sixteen years' experience since then. Dr. Wright is a well-informed gentleman, and is already a favorite here.

S. B. Boyer, Druggist.—The best representative of the drug trade in Cherokee is Dr. S. B. Boyer. He established his store in May, 1889, where he keeps a complete stock of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, perfumeries, stationery and sundries. Dr. B. graduated at the Cincinnati Medical College in 1869, and has practiced twenty years. He is assisted by his wife who is a competent druggist. Dr. B. is a native of Kentucky, and has lived in Kansas twelve years. During the war he enlisted in Co. A, 57th Reg't Ind. Vols., and served one year. He has had fifteen years' experience in the drug business. He is a member of the Masons and I. O. O. F.

Morris & Kelso, Meat Market.—The above-named institution was established about six years ago and has since supplied an extensive custom. Mr. C. F. Morris was born in Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1863. He has been in Cherokee many years, engaged in farming. Mr. J. W. Kelso is a native of Illinois, and came to Kansas in 1865. He has lived in our city for six years, before which he was engaged in farming. They are good business men and public-spirited citizens, and the firm is one which deserves well at the hands of our people.

Dr. A. C. Graves was born in Huntingdon, Tenn., graduated from Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, took an extended eye course under D. B. St. John, Roosa, N. Y. Has been practicing now nine years here, making a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, throat and nose.

Joe Lucas, Post Master, filled this position in 1870 and 1871, being the first post master in the place. He was appointed by Harrison, and took the office February 1st, last. Representative, B. W. Perkins was instrumental in obtaining him the appointment. Mr. L. is a native of Iowa, and nephew of the first Governor of that State. He served almost four years in the war, Co. C, 16th Iowa, and was captured in the battle of Atlanta, while carrying the colors of his regiment. He was taken to Andersonville, but came out in two months and was commissioned first lieutenant. He came to Kansas in 1866, and four years later cast his lot with Cherokee. He has been engaged in the general merchandise and the grain business prior to becoming post master. This is a presidential office and commands \$1,100 salary.

COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, Kansas, is situated in the geographical center of Cherokee County, with a population of nearly two thousand five hundred souls, and is a city of the second class. A beautiful court house adorns the center of the Square, which is supplied with all modern improvements. Two railroads make Columbus a good shipping point. The Columbus Water Works Company is one of the valuable enterprises of the city, as well as a foundry and machine shop. There are three fine brick school houses, and educational facilities are unexcelled. Seven edifices of worship are to be found in the city, all of which are in a flourishing condition. Nearly all kinds of business is represented on a solid basis. Two newspapers, the *Advocate*, (Republican,) A. T. Lea & Son, proprietors, and the *Star-Courier*, (Democrat,) Allison & Eddy, proprietors, are published every week. Columbus is supplied with several first-class hotels, besides many restaurants and boarding-houses; a good brick opera house, well seated, and supplied with fine scenery and lighted with gas. Three banks do a flourishing business. Two large flouring-mills, two corn meal mills, and a large elevator consume a vast amount of wheat and corn. C. G. Metzler's brick and tile works here is one of the largest in the State. Coal in unlimited quantities is mined one and a half miles north of the city. Four and a half miles north of the city is to be found the large powder mills of Rand, Lafflin & Co., with headquarters in Columbus. Two new railroads are pointing towards Columbus. Her future prospects are bright.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF COLUMBUS.

C. B. Campbell & Co., Abstracts.—The above firm was established in 1888, being the successors to Ottrick, Marr & Co., who started in December, 1887. They are bonded abstracters and examiners of titles, and have the only complete set of abstract books in Cherokee County. They are well known to possess eminent business and executive ability, and are considered oracles on land titles in Kansas. The large business transacted is evidence of the fine management. In all dealings in real estate the first and most important consideration is to obtain a perfectly clear and unimpeachable title, and in this respect investors are very fortunate in the possession of this firm. Orders and business by mail solicited and promptly attended to. Mr. C. B. Campbell was born in Illinois, and is a M. W. A. He has lived in Kansas since 1869, and formerly resided at Fort Scott. By education, judgment and taste he is thoroughly qualified to lead in his particular business.

W. R. Cowley, Attorney at Law.—This gentleman's name does honor to the bar of Columbus. Born in England, he was admitted to

the bar in Iowa in 1869. He has practiced with success here eighteen years, after being county surveyor of Poweshiek County, Iowa. He belongs to the G. A. R., and served in the 15th Iowa Inf. He is attorney for the Long-Bell Lumber Company, of Columbus. He a most diligent worker at his cases, well read in the details of law, while it is quite safe to place cases in his hands. He has the largest law and miscellaneous library in Southeastern Kansas, costing over \$6,000.

J. C. Babb, Sheriff Cherokee County.—The enterprising sheriff of Cherokee County was born in Missouri, and is serving his second term. As sheriff he has ever given entire satisfaction. He is a Mason, and has lived in Kansas since March, 1866, having been engaged in farming until 1872. He is one of the most capable and efficient men that Cherokee County has ever had in any office. He is full of business, attends to his duties very promptly, and is well assisted by a smart under sheriff and deputy sheriff. Soon after he went into office he suppressed, with signal ease, the notorious Blalack gang, who had been robbing and plundering people here, five years previous. After having captured them, they were put into the penitentiary—two of the Blalacks for life, the others from three to seventeen years.

A. S. Dennison, Real Estate, Etc.—The activity in the real estate market here has enlisted the services of many of our responsible men. Mr. A. S. Dennison has been established seven years. He has developed a widely-extended trade, and conducts a large enterprise in the purchase, sale, exchange and renting of property, managing estates, and in negotiating loans on bonds and mortgages. He is a bonded abstracter, and does an immense business in insurance, being resident agent for the following companies: Royal, of England; Home of New York; American Central, of St. Louis; North British and Mercantile, of London and Edinburgh; National, of Hartford, Conn.; Fire Insurance Association, of London; Queen of Liverpool; North America, Philadelphia, Pa.; Phenix, of Brooklyn, and Continental, City of New York. Collections a specialty; also loaning on chattel mortgage securities. He was born in New York, and is an I. O. O. F. and K. P. Mr. Dennison has lived twenty-three years in Cherokee County. The rapid growth of his business is due to his fair dealings, and those, guided by his judicious advice, will secure advantages hard to duplicate.

C. D. Ashley, Attorney at Law; County Attorney Cherokee County.—One of the most active and clear-headed men who have come to the Kansas bar is Mr. C. D. Ashley, county attorney. He was born in Ohio, and studied the profession in his native State with Charles P. Wickham and S. A. Wildman, being admitted in March, 1879. He has practiced about twelve years, with eminent success, in Cherokee County. He was first



CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE, COLUMBUS.

elected county attorney in the fall of 1882. Mr. Ashley is an A. O. U. W., M. W. A. and Select Knight. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Cherokee County Alliance Exchange Company.—The above influential concern was incorporated October 25, 1889. They occupy premises 20x100 feet, and employ three hands. They keep a well-selected stock of implements and groceries, which embrace fancy and staple groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods; also choice foreign and domestic fruits, country produce, flour, feed, grain, etc. The following are the well-known directors: A. J. Allen, Andrew Shearer, A. D. Watts, F. A. Jackson, John Stauffer, H. W. Sandusky, Joseph Wallace, Henry Mitchell, M. A. Householder. The manager, A. D. Watts, was born in Vermont, and raised in Indiana. He is a Mason, and has lived in Kansas twenty-one years. He possesses a fine executive ability, and to his good management must largely be attributed the company's great success.

Wesley Best & Sons, Excelsior Roller Flour Mills.—Conspicuous among the industries of Columbus are the Excelsior Roller Flour Mills. They were established in 1882. The building, three stories and basement, located on the St. L. & S. F. R. R., hand, for shipping, is fitted up with the most improved machinery and appliances, all of which combine to make them the equal of any in the West, or elsewhere. Their two celebrated brands are "Magnet Patent," and "Diadem." A large wholesale and retail business is done. The capacity is 100 barrels. Six hands are employed. Mr. W. E. Best, the manager of the mills, was born in Illinois, and has lived eight years in Kansas. He and his partners are gentlemen whose long experience and general reputation entitle them to be regarded as one of the representative firms of Columbus.

Edward M. Tracewell, Attorney at Law.—Of the names which go to make up the strength of the Columbus bar, stands that of Edward M. Tracewell, who was born in Virginia, and educated in Indiana, where he studied the profession with his father. He graduated in 1869 from the State University of Indiana, being admitted in the same year. He has practiced nine years with eminent success in Kansas, and is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. and K. of P's. Mr. Tracewell prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Middaugh Hotel, W. A. Strobe, Proprietor.—This fine hotel, eligibly located on the northwest corner of the Square, possesses the best accommodations, having good sample rooms, 'buses to and from all trains, and thirty sleeping-apartments. The seating capacity of the dining-hall is forty-eight. Ten assistants are required. Mr. W. A. Strobe, proprietor, was born Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F. and a K. P. He has lived in Kansas twelve years and been in the hotel business eight years. The steady growth of his

business is due to the many facilities afforded, and the prospects in the near future are of the most favorable character.

Ira Heaton, Attorney at Law.—This gentleman, who was born in Indiana, is one of the most conscientious among the lawyers of this city. He has lived in Columbus ten years. He studied with Ritter & Skidmore, and was admitted in June, 1889. He belongs to the K. of P. Mr. Heaton has justly become well-known, prosecuting, as he does, his clients' interests with judgment and vigor, with due respect to opposing parties.

Hoyt, Kleinfield & Co., General Merchandise.—Among the intelligently-conducted business enterprises in Columbus is that of Hoyt, Kleinfield & Co. The firm was established in October, 1889. They do a prosperous business in wholesale and retail general merchandise, their stock being unsurpassed in this section. The premises are 25x150 feet, and six assistants are required. Mr. Hoyt is from Illinois and has lived twenty-five years in Kansas. Mr. Kleinfield was born in New York. He is a Mason and belongs to the Loyal Legion, having served in the 26th N. Y. Inf., the 4th U. S. Vols., and the 12th Md. Vols. He has resided twenty-one years in Kansas. Mr. Smith was born in Indiana, and is an old soldier, a member of the Loyal Legion, and has lived twenty-five years in Kansas. The facilities of this firm for successfully conducting their business, are of an unusually complete character, enabling them to offer their numerous customers advantages, difficult, if not impossible to duplicate elsewhere.

A. H. Skidmore, Attorney.—This name carries with it its own weight, and few give more importance to these pages. Mr. A. H. Skidmore studied law at Paxton, Ill., with C. H. Frew, and also at Ann Arbor, Mich., for one year. He has been admitted to practice fifteen years. Mr. Skidmore was born in Virginia, and occupies two handsomely-furnished rooms for offices, which contain a fine selection of law books. He was formerly member of the firm of Ritter & Skidmore, of Columbus. With his combined experience, knowledge and ability, he has ever proven himself a decided acquisition, legally and socially, to Columbus.

A. A. Mears, Proprietor of Mears's Dining-Hall.—Among the important enterprises in Columbus, we specially notice A. A. Mears's celebrated dining-hall, established March 17, 1890. It is new and first class throughout. The premises are 18x120 feet, while the dining-room (26 feet in width) will seat seventy-five persons. Five hands are required in the prosecution of the prosperous business. He often seats fifty persons at dinner. Mr. Mears came here from Illinois, his native State, and has lived in Columbus ten years, having formerly been five years in the hardware business. He is a Mason, A. O. U. W., K. of L., M. W. A., and a Select Knight. He is full of energy, and has been always found identified with all enterprises for the growth and progress of the city.

H. W. Moore, Painters' Supplies, Window Glass, Wall Paper.—Eligibly located on the south

side of the Square is the store of H. W. Moore, who has been ten years engaged in business. The premises are 25x110 feet. He employs two hands. Mr. Moore deals in painters' supplies, window glass, wall paper, window shades, artists' materials, pictures, picture moldings, music, musical instruments, etc. He was born in Pennsylvania and belongs to the G. A. R., and served in the 131st Pa. Vols. He has an enviable reputation for ability and sound business principles, and justly merits his extended patronage.

Ritter & Wiswell, Attorneys at Law.—This firm stands in the front rank of the Kansas bar. Judge Ritter was born in Indiana, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1868, since which time he has been practicing with eminent success here. He has been judge of the district court. Mr. Wiswell was born in Ohio. He is recognized by many as the leading commercial lawyer in this section. With their extended experience and abilities, this firm is a safe one, and the many cases placed in their hands have received the best care and attention.

The "Advocate" is a progressive and well-managed paper, and the establishment one with the marks of enterprise. The paper is republican, was founded in 1882 and has a weekly circulation of 1,400. Here is done the nicest job printing, the plant being new and driven by steam. They do the best work, at lowest prices, in this section, and carry a good line of stock printers' stationery. Asa Lea, the managing partner, is a live and go-ahead fellow. He is a native of Illinois, a Knight of Pythias and M. W. A.

The Palace Hotel is a substantial three-story brick structure, the largest and finest building in Columbus. F. Fry, the proprietor, has been forty years in hotel business, and built this house himself. He employs ten assistants, and his dining-room can seat 150 people. There are five sample rooms on the first floor. Mr. F. is a native of Ohio, and is known as the father of this city. He laid it out in July, 1868, naming it after Columbus, in his native State. Judge Fry is a lawyer by profession.

WEIR CITY.

GROWTH.

No stronger statement showing the growth of our city can be made, than the simple figures of the residence and business houses built this year. Stop for a moment and consider what the facts mean. Within the last three months the following brick business houses have been built: Stryker Bros., three; James Dennis, two; Samuel Sowers, one; Abbott & Crowe are pushing the work on two more, and in the early spring three more will certainly be built, and property owners on Main Street are nearly all talking of putting in brick houses. In addition to this, by actual count, over two hundred and fifty residence houses have been built this year. It became necessary to accommodate an increase of population by fully one thousand souls. Of course property is advancing in value, and commands a fair rental. Investments in Weir property have always paid large interest. Our people congratulate themselves that the era of shanties is past, and that neat and substantial houses are being built.

CHEROKEE AND CRAWFORD COUNTIES' COAL FIELDS.

The following is an extract from the report of State Mine Inspector John R. Braidwood, for the year 1885. The facts are as true now as then:

"The coal vein most extensively mined is that deposit known by coal men as the Cherokee vein. It is the thickest and most valuable deposit of any coal yet discovered in the State. It ranges in thickness from three feet two inches to three feet nine inches, attaining its greatest thickness in the vicinity of Weir City and Scammonville, Cherokee County. In a few localities in this vicinity, it has attained a uniform thickness of four feet, and in a few exceptional cases it has been found to measure five feet. This

latter deposit is mostly found along horse-backs or clay-seams, which are very numerous in this vein. They will be found running throughout the vein in every conceivable direction, resembling an unevenly-spaced network, cutting the coal out completely in every instance from the top to the bottom. In most places they are composed of pure fire-clay; in others, a mixture of fire-clay and hard boulders.

"This coal seems to possess superior quality over most other bituminous coal coming into the same market, and is sold at a higher price. This is evidence of its superior quality. It is a coal of a very highly coking nature, makes a fair quality of coke, and is a good gas coal. As evidence of this fact, it is being very extensively used by the gas companies of this State.

"The cropping out of the eastern edge of this valuable deposit of coal can be seen along a line in a southwestern direction from Mulberry, Kas., and Morerod, Mo., passing through Litchfield, Pittsburg and Weir City, to Columbus, a distance of thirty miles, varying to the east and west in conformity to the undulations of the surface. It is being mined by shaft, slope, drift, and strip-bank openings at intervals at and between these points.

"This vein is probably the same deposit that is found at Walnut, Bates County, Mo., but the most valuable part of it, so far discovered, seems to be in Kansas. Beyond the vicinity of Columbus, to the southwest into the Neosho River basin, this vein has been lost sight of."

HEALTH.

is good! There is hardly enough sickness to keep our three or four physicians busy half the time.

CHURCHES.

There are four places of public worship in the city — the Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Pres-

byterian, and the total number of communicants is over one thousand. The Catholic Church is in the charge of Father Bononcini; the Baptist, of Rev. Houston; the Methodist, of Rev. Lynch; and the Presbyterian, of Rev. Smith, and under their guidance, morals will not become degraded.

SCHOOLS.

Our city schools are under the able superintendency of Prof. G. W. Walker, assisted by Principal Grandle and an able corps of teachers. The total enrollment is about six hundred, and

certify that there is not an attorney in the city licensed to practice in the district court. And yet Weir has four thousand population.

OPERA HOUSE AND HOTEL.

Early this year it was seen that our thriving city had outgrown all her hotel facilities, and a good opera house was imperatively demanded by our people. The feeling found vent, in June of this year, in starting a subscription paper on Main Street, the pledges of which were to be used in building a hotel and opera house com-



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, WEIR CITY.

there are thirty pupils in attendance upon Mrs. McElhaney's select school, and about one hundred upon the Catholic school, a total school population of over seven hundred. The old frame school house, although it is yet used to some extent, has been replaced by an elegant six-roomed brick building. But more room is needed even now, and our rapidly-increasing population will soon make it necessary to build another school house. When that time comes, the obligation will be met manfully, for most of our people are thoroughly alive to the benefits of education.

MORALS.

Theft is almost unknown in our city. Men may look rough, dirty, and often ragged, as they return from their work, but they earn wages, their homes are usually comfortable, and they and their families are honest. So true is this that houses are seldom locked, and nothing, absolutely nothing, is stolen. As proof of this we

combined, suitable to the wants and necessities of the case. Thousands of dollars were subscribed, and almost before the sleepy people of sleepy towns knew what was being done, the foundation for the building was laid, and to-day it stands a monument to the enterprise of our people, and a pledge of their confidence in the future of Weir. It is just now completed.

THE OPERA HOUSE

was opened the 18th of this month by the New York Atheneum Company, who presented "Natural Life" to a fair audience, followed by Zanzic, the magician, Saturday evening, the 21st. The seating capacity of the opera house is six hundred, but the building will soon be enlarged, and an additional auditorium, 20x40 feet, will provide additional seating room for three hundred more. The scenic work and decorating were done by that master in his line, George H. Johnson, of New York, and are fully up to the

standard. The auditorium is on the ground floor, and ample means are provided for escape in case of fire. But the danger from fire is very slight, as the entire building is built of brick, with cross-walls of the same material.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WEIR CITY.

Kansas and Texas Coal Company, General Merchandise.—This immense general merchandise store has been successfully controlled by the above corporation for a length of time. They are immense miners and shippers of Pittsburg, Peacock, Weir Gas and Arkansas semi-anthracite coal. The general offices are at St. Louis, Mo. They have four mines in Kansas, five in Missouri and two in Arkansas, the capacity of which is 300 cars daily. They have coal yards all through the West. The store at Weir City is 50x120 feet, and is nicely appointed. Thirteen assistants are required. All of the stock is of the very best quality, and is one of the largest stocks in this section. Mr. A. B. Cockerill, manager of the coal and general merchandise business, was born in Missouri, and has been six years in the business, and formerly was in the tie and lumber business in Southwest Missouri. He is justly known for his honorable methods and sterling integrity, while the house which he manages, is in every way a material factor in sustaining Weir City's commercial supremacy.

Weir City Bank, James Dennis, Banker.—Private banks, unlike national or State banks, are unrestricted in their manner of doing business, and hence can loan money, receive deposits, pay and receive payment for interest, make collections, and in every way satisfy the public, easier than institutions which are bound down by laws. An excellent example of a private bank is found in the Weir City Bank. It does everything connected with a legitimate banking business, and is indispensable to our people, who have learned, during the three years since it was established, to thoroughly appreciate it. Its principal correspondents are the National Bank, of Kansas City, and Hanover National, of New York City. Mr. Dennis is ably assisted by S. W. Marshall, cashier. Mr. D. is a native of Missouri, but has been a resident of Weir since 1882, at which time he came here as superintendent of the Bovard & Dixon Coal Co., and was afterward agent and chief clerk of the K. & P. Coal Co. His entire career in our city has been marked by honesty and integrity, and by commendable interest in the public welfare.

Doan Bros., Physicians and Surgeons.—The above is a partnership which does honor to the medical fraternity. Dr. E. W. Doan, the elder brother, has been practicing in our city some years, part of the time in partnership with Dr. J. Knox Barney. Dr. L. T. Doan came to Weir about three months ago and formed the present partnership. He graduated last year from the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, from which institution his brother graduated in 1883. Both gentlemen are well-read in the profession, and

naturally inspire confidence in their skill. Their office is situated in the old Chicago House. Outside of their profession, the brothers are well-educated, enterprising, wide-awake young men.

Conley & Abbott, Blue Front Bakery and Grocery.—The firm of Conley & Abbott is composed of Messrs. J. H. Conley and B. S. Abbott. The former came to Weir from Columbus, Kansas, less than two years ago and opened his bakery. He bakes 350 loaves each day, and his bread finds a ready sale, while his cakes, pies, etc., are considered excellent. He makes a specialty of baking to order for suppers and entertainments. Mr. C. is a native of Illinois, an industrious citizen and one in whom our citizens feel confidence. Mr. Abbott is the senior member of the hardware firm of Abbott & Crowe. In addition to the bakery these gentlemen carry a full stock of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, cigars and tobaccos, confectionery, fresh fruits, etc. Their patronage is large and necessitates the employment of three assistants in the store.

Wilson Liff, Post Master.—Mr. Wilson Liff, our present post master, was appointed by President Harrison in accordance with the recommendation of Congressman B. W. Perkins. He assumed the office February 1st, 1890, and has since filled it to the satisfaction of all. Mr. L. was born in Ohio, and served through the war in the 18th Ohio Vol. Inf. He was wounded at Stone River, and was disabled in the hospital for some time. He has been in Kansas nine years, engaged as mine superintendent and boss, prior to receiving his present office. He takes an active interest in politics. He is commander of the G. A. R. post. He has filled all positions he has held with success, and has demonstrated that he is an able, enterprising man.

J. H. Durkee Coal Company.—The above company was established in October, 1889, by its proprietor, who hails from Fort Scott. Mr. Durkee employs from 80 to 125 men, and his works have a capacity of from twenty to forty car-loads per day. The thickness of the vein, and the superior quality of the coal, enables Mr. Durkee to compete to advantage with all other companies. With superior shipping facilities, he can market his product all over Kansas and Missouri. The wholesale business of this company is growing rapidly, Mr. Durkee doing his own soliciting. It is to the efforts of such enterprising men as J. H. Durkee that Weir City can claim the attention of the people to her development.

J. Huber & Co., The Model Bakery.—In Weir the name of Huber is associated with good bread. J. Huber & Co. have been in business seven years. They bake three hundred loaves each day, besides a large number of cakes, pies, etc. Their bake-shop is in the rear of their main store building. The latter is 30x70 feet, and contains a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, country produce, canned goods, and salt and smoked meats. Three clerks are in attendance, and their delivery wagon is a familiar sight in all parts of the city. Joseph and Dave Huber, natives of Pennsylvania, have

been in Kansas for eight years, and are model rustling Kansans, young men of business capability, push, and enterprise.

Keith & Perry Coal Company.—Cherokee County surpasses every other part of the State in the richness of its coal deposit, and Keith & Perry own the finest of these coal lands, that portion west of Weir City and extending to Scammonville, where they operate two mines, employing 400 men, with a capacity of seventy cars per day. They operate three mines at Weir, in which they give employment to 400 men, and which have a capacity of sixty-five cars per day. They have built twenty-four large coke ovens, in which they utilize the slack, producing the finest kind of coke. They ship only the best coal. The company is one of the pioneer institutions of the county, Mr. Keith having been identified with the coal industry since the first discovery of the deposit. The company has the following officers: R. H. Keith, president; John Perry, vice president and general manager; J. C. Sherwood, auditor, and E. E. Riley, secretary and treasurer. Their main office is in the Keith & Perry Building, in Kansas City, Mo. Of the resident officials, D. Mackie, Sr., is the general superintendent, having control over the mines at Weir and Scammonville. P. W. Kent is the Weir agent of the company. He is a native of Vermont, and has been in Kansas and in the service of Keith & Perry for four years. His office is in the K. & P. brick building, on the corner of Main and M Streets, is connected by speaking tubes and telephone with all the offices and works of the company, affording him excellent facilities for overseeing all departments. He was engaged in the same capacity in the coal business in Illinois. These gentlemen are the right men in their right place, and well represent this important company.

D. W. King, Physician and Surgeon.—The subject of our sketch is one of the ablest physicians in Southeastern Kansas. He graduated from the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1881. He came to our city less than five years ago, and almost immediately stepped into a lucrative practice. He is surgeon for this division of the Gulf R. R., and has held the office of coroner. His office is in the rear of F. H. Martin's drug store. Dr. King, besides being a most successful practitioner, is ever ready with his aid and countenance to promote enterprises for the upbuilding of Weir.

G. M. Wilcoxon, Furniture and Hardware.—The establishment of G. M. Wilcoxon was founded five years ago, and forms one of the important business houses of the city. His store room is 30x52 feet, and is filled with everything in the line of furniture and hardware, stoves, tinware, jewelry, revolvers, notions, etc. Mr. W. is a native of Illinois, and came to Kansas in 1884. He began his business on very small capital, but has met with flattering success, and has made money. He is a man of advanced ideas, a clever speaker, a good citizen, a Modern Woodman, and a gentleman.

Haskin & Roberts, Furniture, Carpets, Picture Framing, Wall Paper, Window Curtains and Undertaking.—A good example of the re-

sults which follow those who employ correct methods, fair dealing and close attention to the details of their business, is afforded in the firm of Haskin & Roberts. Their furniture establishment was founded four years ago, and now takes rank as one of the substantial enterprises of our city. Their store is 30x60 feet, and is filled with a well-chosen stock of furniture, carpets, etc. They also do an undertaking and embalming business, and are well-supplied with all kinds of funeral goods, including a fine hearse. The gentlemen who compose the firm, are Messrs. W. E. Haskin and A. D. Roberts, are energetic and courteous men of business. Mr. H. was born in Illinois, whence he came to Kansas in 1868. Mr. R., who is a native of Indiana, has lived in Kansas for twenty years. Both gentlemen belong to the order of Modern Woodmen.

F. H. Martin, Prescription Druggist.—Those who seek anything in the line of pure drugs or medicines, paints, oils, varnishes, glass, stationery, blank books or druggists' sundries, can find an elegant assortment at the brick drug store on North Main Street, presided over by Mr. F. H. Martin. He has been engaged in the business since 1886, and his custom has increased with the city's growth from \$1,200 to between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per annum. His store is 30x50 feet. During the holidays he adds a fine line of holiday goods. He is a registered pharmacist. Mr. Martin is a native of Wisconsin, and came to Kansas four years ago. He is a young gentleman of rare business ability, courteous and agreeable in manners, and a member of the Modern Woodmen and K. of P.

Weir City Milling Company.—Grinding wheat to make flour is one of the earliest human customs, but the processes adopted up to our own day differed only in application, and not in principle, from the crude methods followed by ancient nations. Reserved for this generation was the invention which has revolutionized the manufacture, namely, the roller process, and every country miller has adopted it where he wishes to continue making flour for the people. The Weir City mill was started last year, and is 34x56 feet in extent and four stories high. Three employes operate the mill. Mr. David Crowe, the company's president, has been a resident of Cherokee County for many years, engaged in farming, stock-raising and shipping, and his name gives weight to any enterprise with which he is connected. His son, B. W. Crowe, is superintendent. He is an active and prosperous young business man.

J. H. Durkee Coal Company, Dealers in General Merchandise.—The above-named mercantile establishment is one of the prominent institutions of our city. Their store room is 40x60 feet, besides they have a large ware room 40x44 feet in size. Their stock of general merchandise contains everything covered by that comprehensive title. All visitors and customers are treated here with polite consideration, which has already won the store a generous share of custom. The dry goods and clothing department is in charge of Mr. Charles S. Robinson, a young gentleman of experience in the business, and well fitted to make a success of whatever he

undertakes. J. I. Morrison is at the head of the grocery and feed department, which, under his management, is, we feel sure, destined continually to grow in popular favor.

Abbott & Crowe, Hardware, Stoves, Tinware.—The firm of Abbott & Crowe keep a full stock of everything in their line—hardware, stoves (including Charter Oak ranges) and tinware. Their handsome new brick store is 45x120 feet in extent, and they have been in their present business for two years, their sales having amounted to about \$40,000 yearly. They employ three clerks and a first-class tinner. Mr. B. S. Abbott was born in Indiana, and came to Kansas nine years ago. He has been engaged in business in Weir for five years, and is also a member of the firm of Conley & Abbott, of the Blue Front Bakery and Grocery. He is the present mayor of the city, chosen almost unanimously for the office. When we say that Mr. Abbott has given universal satisfaction during his administration, we give a clearer insight into his character than we could give in any other way. The city knows his worth. He affiliates with both K. of P. and A. O. U. W. Mr. Robert Crowe is his brother-in-law, as well as partner. He is a young man, but has already quite a competency as the result of his application and business talent.

Keith & Perry Coal Company, General Merchandise.—Among the dealers in general merchandise whose establishments deserve notice in our pages is the Keith & Perry Coal Company. Their store has been established four years. The building they occupy is 30x80 feet, and their stock includes dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, groceries and queensware, and notions, amounting in value to \$12,000. The management is in the hands of Mr. Thomas Mackie, while under him are five clerks. Mr. Mackie was born in Scotland; his parents came to the United States nineteen years ago. He has lived in Kansas eight years, and has been engaged in various capacities with the company for seven years. But a few months ago he was promoted to his present position.

C. W. Smith, Furniture and Hardware.—It is with pleasure that we note the establishment of C. W. Smith. His store, on Main Street, 24x62 feet, is filled with an excellent stock of all kinds of furniture, a good line of stoves and hardware, including the famous Garland stoves and ranges, and making a specialty of miners' tools. He also deals in musical instruments. Mr. Smith was born in England, and came to the United States seventeen years ago. He has been a resident of Kansas five years, and has been in business in Weir since 1886. He has had a great deal of experience in mercantile pursuits, having been engaged therein even before coming to this country. He is a well-informed gentleman, and a member of the Modern Woodmen.

R. C. Libby, Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Optical Goods.—This establishment was conducted in former years by Mr. Gould, but Mr. R. C. Libby, who bought the store in January last, has added so much to the stock, and extended the business so much, that it may

be considered as practically a new enterprise. The store is headquarters for diamonds and jewelry, clocks and watches, etc. Mr. L. has had twenty-eight years' experience in the business, and is an expert workman. He was born in Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1883. He is a member of the G. A. R., and served forty five months and fifteen days in the war, in Co. B, 48th Ind. Vet. Vols. He had filled the position of hospital steward for one and a half years, when he received his discharge.

Davis & Davis, Carpenters and Contractors.—The above firm is one of the strongest combinations of the character. They occupy a position which accords to them the principal work of the town in their line. The members of the firm are H. W. Davis and G. W. Davis, both of whom is a thorough master of his work. They always comply in every particular with the terms of their contracts. They are ready at all times to draw plans and make estimates for carpentering and building of every character.

Weir City Coal Company's Store, R. Bennett, Proprietor.—Weir has several reliable establishments dealing in general merchandise, among which must be mentioned the Weir City Coal Company's store, whose proprietor is Mr. R. Bennett, the superintendent of the company. Their stock of goods fills two stories, each 45x60 feet, and contains everything in the line of dry goods and clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, groceries and queensware, etc. Mr. B. is assisted by an efficient corps of six clerks. Establishments such as the one under consideration are a source of pride to the town. Mr. Bennett's duties as superintendent will not afford him opportunity for constant attendance upon the store, but he finds time to supervise all its important details.

Weir City Zinc Company.—This influential corporation, employing 200 hands, are manufacturers of the celebrated "Cherokee" spelter, the capacity here (and at Pittsburg, Kas.) being 45,000 pounds daily. Mr. A. B. Cockerill is the secretary and treasurer. He is a gentleman very popular in commercial circles, and is also manager here for the Kansas and Texas Coal Company and their general merchandise store. Mr. D. Nachtshatt, superintendent, was born in Germany. He has lived here thirteen years, and has been in the zinc business fifteen years. He formerly lived in St. Louis. He is an M. W. A. He enjoys the confidence of all who know him, and deserves the success which he has achieved for the company.

The Chicago Bargain Store and Ten Cent Store Department, C. W. Case, Proprietor.—A unique and convenient establishment is Mr. C. W. Case's Bargain Store, rightly so called. Mr. Case came to Weir on the first of September, 1889, and established his business. He made a small beginning, but he dealt in nothing but genuine bargains, and his custom grew till now his sales amount to \$90 per week, and his store is well-nigh an indispensable institution in our city. He carries the largest stock of tinware, notions and laces in the city, and at prices which no other firm can duplicate.

The goods are conveniently arranged, and everything marked in plain figures. A strong feature of the establishment is the fact that a child always receives the same prices, prompt attention and courteous treatment accorded the adult. Mr. Case publishes a price-list of his goods, arranging them under 5, 9, 10, 15, 20, 25 cents, and special heading. All contain bargains, and nothing but bargains. Mr. Case is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas seven years ago. He served three months as navy hospital steward. He began business on sixty-five cents in money, and a fund of pluck and energy of inestimable value, of which his present success is the direct outcome. He is a member of the Masons.

W. S. Patten, Feed and Sale Stable.—This gentleman came to Weir about one and a half years ago and bought the livery stock of John Porter. The business was run down, but soon Mr. P. had it in good shape and was doing a flourishing business. In March of the present year he moved into his new barn on Main Street, and has now the finest and best-equipped stable, and does the largest business in Weir. He has eighteen head of horses and ten carriages. He employs two assistants. Mr. Patten is a native of Maine, and has been in Kansas several years. He carried on a livery at Pittsburg,

Kansas, for four years, and has also engaged in farming.

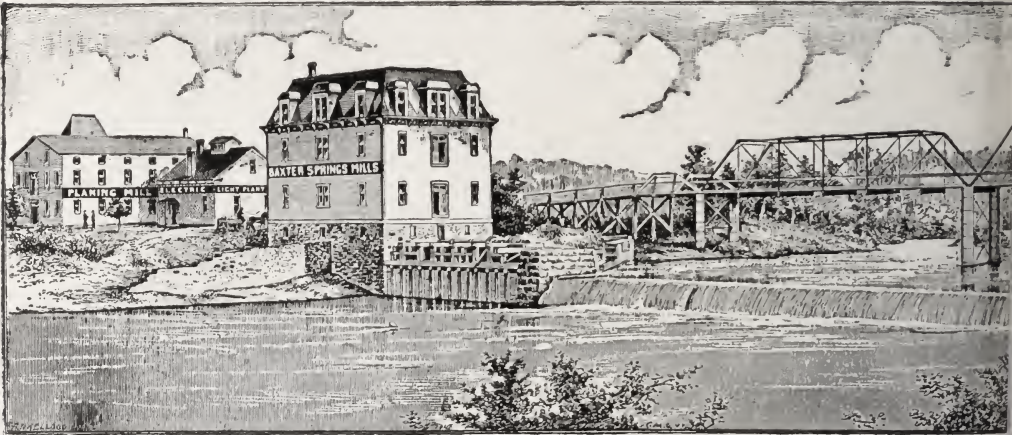
Weir City "Tribune" was established in 1884, and has been under the present management about a year. It has a circulation of 600. Mr. Horace Hayden, the editor and lessee, is a young man who came to Kansas from his native State, Missouri, to take this paper. He has been five years in the business, and was formerly editor of the *Glasgow Journal*, in Howard County, Missouri. He is a ready and versatile writer, a practical printer, an agreeable gentleman, and Weirites are glad to have him among them.

Weir City Hotel, H. J. Larimer, Proprietor, is a handsome two-story brick, 75x80 feet, has three sample rooms, dining-room comfortable office and parlor, bath rooms, and twenty-three well-furnished bed rooms, while the *cuisine* and service are all that could be desired. All rooms have hot and cold water. Mr. Larimer took the house about six months ago, and has expended several thousand dollars in furnishings. He is a native of Pennsylvania; in Kansas twenty-two years; eight years in hotels, having run the Central and Metropolitan in Pittsburg, and the Knox House in Fort Scott. He is a K. of P. and Red Man.

BAXTER SPRINGS.

BAXTER SPRINGS is a beautiful little city of fifteen hundred people, situated near the west bank of Spring River, one mile north of the In-

ness. Here was a rendezvous for the notorious Texas cowboy, the gambler, the saloon-keeper, etc., and society was in a state of chaos. So great,



WATER POWER, BAXTER SPRINGS.

dian Territory. The first settlement was made in the vicinity in 1858, by A. Baxter. In 1866 a town site, comprising eighty acres, was laid out and named Baxter Springs. Several additions have since been made to the site, and it now comprises an area of about one section and a half.

From 1866 to 1872, the town was the headquarters for the Texas cattle trade, and had a wide reputation for lawlessness. Money was plenty, and the merchants did a flourishing busi-

ness. Here was a rendezvous for the notorious Texas cowboy, the gambler, the saloon-keeper, etc., and society was in a state of chaos. So great, indeed, was the excitement, that in 1872 the town had a population of nearly four thousand. This condition of things inspired the people with great confidence in the future, and a lavish system of public expenditures was indulged in which proved disastrous. For some time Baxter Springs was the county seat, but when that was voted away, and by the removal of the vast cattle trade to points further west, in 1873, the city began a decline.

The site of the town is rendered historic as the scene of the massacre of General Blunt's body-guard, October 6, 1863, which took place immediately upon what is now a part of the city. Nearly one hundred Union soldiers were mercilessly shot down at that time, by Quantrell's noted band of guerrillas. The dead soldiers were buried near where they fell, and afterward removed to the national cemetery, established here, in which a costly monument was erected to their memory, in 1885.

In 1882, Baxter Springs began to take on a new life, and has since enjoyed a steady growth. A company was organized, which improved the celebrated medicinal springs site, and surrounded them with a beautiful park, now the pride of the city. In 1884 a dam was built across Spring River, affording one of the largest water-powers in the West. The wind-mill company, mills, electric light, are all driven by it. The dam affords an unlimited amount of power, and being owned by the city, manufacturing enterprises are offered every inducement to locate here. The town has also a large butter and cheese factory and a fruit evaporating works, five dry goods stores, six groceries, two hardware, two banks, two druggists, two harness shops, two meat markets, three milliners, book store, weekly newspaper, three lawyers, five physicians, a dentist, etc. All the leading church organizations are represented, and secret societies. Baxter is noted for its beautiful location and romantic scenery, possessed by no other town in Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BAXTER SPRINGS.

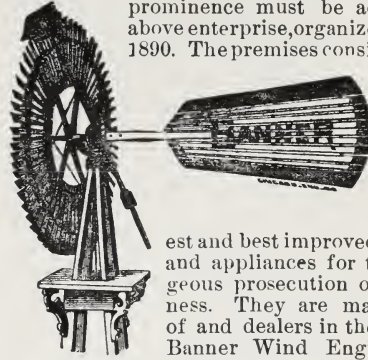
J. M. Cooper, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Hats and Caps.—The leading and representative business house of this city, in its line, is that of J. M. Cooper, which was estab-



lished in 1868. The premises are 50x142 feet in extent. Mr. Cooper employs two polite assistants. The facilities he has for successfully conducting the business are of an unusually complete character, enabling him to offer his numerous customers advantages difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate. Mr Cooper was born in Illinois,

and is a Royal Arch Mason, K. T., K. P., A. O. U. W., Select Knight, and G. A. R., having served in the 16th Ill. Inf. He owns 1,200 acres of fine farm land.

The Baxter Springs Manufacturing Company, Manufacturers and Dealers in the Banner Wind Engines, House Finishings, Lumber.—In compiling an industrial review of this prosperous city, a position of well-earned prominence must be accorded the above enterprise, organized in March, 1890. The premises consist of a large



structure, three-story and basement, while the equipment embraces all the lat-

est and best improved machinery and appliances for the advantageous prosecution of the business. They are manufacturers of and dealers in the celebrated Banner Wind Engines, house finishings, lumber, pumps, pipe, valves, brass goods, etc. Thirty employés are required, the officers possessing a practical knowledge of the business in hand, with the requisite zeal and acumen for its successful management. The manager, (and vice president,) Mr. L. Murray Perkins, is a native of Flushing, Long Island. He is a Mason. By his well-directed management he has reared an eminently prosperous industry, and taken a position in the front rank of Kansas's representative men.

R. P. McGregor, Wall Paper, Paints, Etc.—This well-stocked store was established in 1880. The premises occupied are 22x80 feet in extent. Mr. McGregor employs four hands in the prosecution of business. He deals in wall paper, paints, etc., all of the stock being of the best quality and purchasable at prices consistent with fair dealing. He was born in Indiana. He has been representative on two occasions of the Twenty-sixth District. He has been for eleven years, and is at present commander of post, G. A. R., in Baxter Springs. He is an A. O. U. W., K. P. S. K., Legion of Honor, Select Friend and a Red Man. He is county commissioner of Cherokee County, where he has lived since 1876. For the last five years he has been division commander of Kansas. Mr. McGregor is generally admired for his sterling qualities, being a man well calculated to materially aid and increase the general prosperity of the city.

C. D. Meserve & Co., Agricultural Implements, Buggies, Wagons.—This enterprising firm has been established three years, since which time their career has been brisk. The premises occupied are 35x100 feet, and are admirably arranged so as to show off the well-selected stock of agricultural implements, buggies, wagons, hay presses, wire, etc. Also harness and saddles. Repairing a specialty. Two hands are employed. Mr. Meserve and his partner, J. B. Ludlam, are natives of Chicago and Indiana. They have achieved, by merit, the

highest position for mercantile integrity, and are worthy representatives of the commercial interests of Baxter.

J. M. English & Co., Meats.—This prosperous mercantile establishment was started on the 15th of May, 1890. The premises occupied are 24x60 feet in extent, and well suited to the transaction of business. They sell fresh and salt meats, game and fish, which have gained a celebrated name on account of purity and freshness. Mr. English was born in Pennsylvania, and is an A. O. U. W. His partner, W. J. Naylor, was born in Kansas. They are both enterprising, go-ahead men, good-hearted and genial.

Samuel H. Smith, Attorney at Law.—One of the hard-working members of the bar is Samuel H. Smith. He was born in Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1885 from the law department of the University of Michigan. He is a Mason and a M. W. A. He has lived here two years, and in this brief period has had a signal success as a lawyer. He is city attorney. He formerly taught school, one year in Minnesota and six in Pennsylvania. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

J. J. Fibley, Hardware, Etc.—This ably-conducted store was established three years ago here, though the proprietor has been engaged in the mercantile business the greater part of his life. The premises occupied are 23x110 feet in extent, and two hands are employed. He deals in hardware, stoves, tinware, field and garden seeds. Mr. Fibley was born and raised in Ohio, and is a Mason. He is a popular man, enjoying the patronage of the best residents of city and country.

J. M. Brewster, Groceries.—This popular grocery house was opened February 17, 1890. The premises are 20x60 feet. The stock carried consists of a complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries, provisions and feed. Mr. Brewster was born in New Jersey, thoroughly understands his business, and is much esteemed here.

J. G. Polster, Druggist.—Conspicuous among the well-appointed drug houses in this section is that of J. G. Polster, who has been established eighteen years. The premises occupied are 25x75 feet, and well suited for a prosperous retail drug business. A complete assortment of pure and fresh drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, paints, oils and druggists' sundries of all kinds are to be bought at fair prices. Mr. Polster was born in Austria, and has lived twenty years in Cherokee County. He is known as a man of good business capacity, and is identified with the most-respected business men.

Wm. March, Post Master.—This gentleman has been post master one year since his last election, though formerly he was post master for four years here during Arthur's administration. Col. March was born in Ohio. He is a Mason, K. P., Select Friend, Select Knight, G.

A. R., and served in the 24th Ohio Battery and 60th Ohio Inf. He has lived twenty years in Cherokee County, and formerly was in the mercantile business in his native State for ten years. His standing is proven by the liberal share of public favors bestowed on him. He is ably seconded in his office by his wife, F. C. March, who was born in Michigan.

John R. Tucker, Dry Goods, Etc.—This house has been established nine years. Mr. Tucker deals extensively in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats and caps, of the best quality and moderate in price. The store is 22x75 feet. Two hands are employed. Mr. Tucker was born in Indiana, and is a Mason. He is the originator of Tucker's patent ribbon case, (the cut rep-



resents size 24x36, price \$10.) He has achieved a prominence in his business accorded only to those whose transactions are based on mercantile probity.

Springs Hotel, J. S. Price & Son.—This hotel, situated by one of the finest iron and magnesia springs in the country, has been conducted under the present proprietors since April, 1884. There are twenty-five bed-rooms, the seating capacity of the dining room is 100. Commercial travel is a specialty. The entire house is lighted with electricity. The *cuisine* we would draw special attention to, the tables being furnished with every delicacy. Capt. J. S. Price & Son, the proprietors, are natives of Illinois. The Captain has had thirteen years' experience in the hotel business, before which he was in insurance in Indiana. He is a Mason and a K. of P., and member of G. A. R., having served as captain of the 79th Ill. Inf. He and his son have clearly demonstrated their ability as landlords.

The Baxter Springs "News" was established in 1882, and has shown itself a live and interesting paper, working for Baxter Springs, and is irrespective of party or politics. It has a circulation of 700. M. H. Gardner, the energetic owner, is a native of Illinois, and has been nineteen years a newspaper man. He has a nicely-equipped office, and executes fine job work.

GALENA.

GALENA, as its name implies, is a center of that great mining section of Kansas and Missouri where lead and zinc are now being got out of the earth in vast quantities. The town was laid out in 1877, when the lead mines were discovered and when the Galena Mining and Smelting Company purchased 120 acres from a German farmer, who had up till then made but a scanty living out of the soil, paying him \$10,000 for the same. In less than two months the influx of people swelled the population to 3,000, and ruffianism, drunkenness and gambling were the usual order of the day. This did not last long, however, for soon a town of the third class was incorporated, and with a mayor, council and police force, things took a more peaceful shape. Galena presents to-day the appearance of a wealthy mining camp. Many men came here poor and to-day are rich. The main business of the merchants is supplying the miners and their families. There is an entire absence of these handsome business blocks and stately residences which characterize our prairie towns depending on agriculture for support.

Galena has two railroads, the Gulf and the St. Louis & San Francisco. Six miles north are the famous coal beds of Cherokee County, from which Galena takes 1,000 car loads a year for domestic purposes. Surrounding the town, in Kansas and Missouri, (Galena is one and a half miles from the State line.) within a radius of ten miles, are the various mining camps of Belleville, Jackson, Joplin, Stanly, Lehigh, Stevens and several others dependent on Galena, while east, west and south stretch miles of undeveloped mining lands, much of which is in the market.

Schools and churches are being rapidly added to the city's attractions, and water works and electric light plant are in operation.

Mining being the great source of wealth, almost everyone is more or less interested in it. Fortunes have been made, and are to-day being made, out of a twenty-five foot lot. Shafts are sunk everywhere, even on the main streets and alleys. A common sight is a neat little frame cottage almost hid from view by the mounds of earth and rock thrown up around it. On further investigation you will find the owner of the cottage has dug all over his land and under his house, taking out often as high as \$20,000 worth of mineral from a single 25x100 foot lot. The land here is owned mostly by eight wealthy corporations, the largest among whom is the South Side Mining and Manufacturing Company, with a capital of \$500,000. The others have capital varying from \$50,000 to \$225,000. These companies nearly all came in in the early days. These companies rent the land in lots 200 feet square to the miners, who pay a royalty of some fifteen to twenty per cent on the ore (zinc) they get out. In the case of lead ore, the miner pays \$25 a thousand pounds for the privilege of mining. A lot is usually taken by a party of five or six, who do the actual digging. There are over 600 shafts at present in operation, all, with a few excep-

tions, paying well. The total value of the mineral produced by the Galena mines since 1877, when the camp was started, is ten million dollars. Last year the output of lead ore was five and a half million pounds; of zinc ore, thirty-four thousand tons. There is as yet only one smelter, that of the South Side Company, with a capacity of seventeen thousand pounds of ore daily. Last year it turned out eight hundred and sixty thousand pounds of pig lead. The lead ore mostly goes to the smelters at Joplin and St. Louis. The zinc ore goes to Pittsburg, Kas., various points in Illinois and Joplin, Mo.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GALENA.

W. B. Stone, Successor to Stone & Gove, Lead and Zinc Ores, and Pig Lead; the South Side Mining and Manufacturing Company. — The material resources and advantages possessed by Galena and surrounding territory cannot be surpassed. Of these by far the most important are the inexhaustible beds of the finest lead and zinc. The well-known corporation, the South Side Mining and Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, was organized in 1880, Col. W. B. Stone being president. The company's lead and zinc ores have obtained a wide reputation from the very start. Their lead took the first premium at the Kansas City Fair, in 1883; it invariably brings most money in New York. The corporation's facilities are as perfect as its connections are influential. They lease out their extensive grounds to miners, who average 200 in number, and they mine the lead and zinc ores. Colonel Stone was born in Ohio, and has lived in Kansas since the fall of 1857. He formerly was successfully engaged in the wholesale implement business in Kansas City, from 1866 to 1872, and in St. Louis, from 1872 to 1876. He is a G. A. R., and during the war was captain of the 10th Kas. Inf. He also is a Mason, K. T., and member of the Loyal Legion. He is justly known as a capitalist of fine public endeavor, conservative, yet fully imbued with the true spirit of enterprise. Hence he and the company over which he so ably presides enjoy a record possessed by none other.

John B. Martin Crusher Company. — In compiling an industrial review of this progressive and prosperous city, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded the extensive enterprise conducted under the above heading. The John B. Martin Crusher Company was started in August, 1890, and bids fair to become a highly-important feature of the city. Two crushers and many pumps are used in the prosecution of the business. Thirty hands are employed, and 350,000 pounds of rough ore are crushed every week. Mr. Martin was born in Kentucky, and has been mining

since 1872. He is also the superintendent of the South Side Mining and Manufacturing Company, of Galena. Under his enlightened guidance, the John B. Martin Crusher Company can not but progress surely and successfully to the front rank among the leading concerns of the kind in the West.

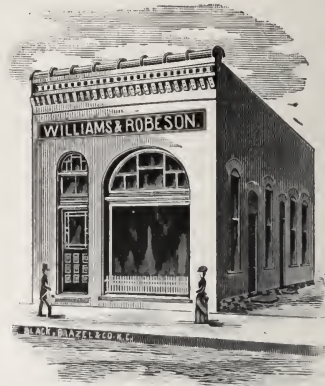
The Windsor Lead and Zinc Company.—The magnitude of the lead and zinc industries of Galena and this section is so great, that anything regarding them is read with interest. The Windsor Lead and Zinc Company was organized June 14, 1887, and from the very start has had a magnificent career. They mined last year of lead and zinc ore 5,809,220 pounds. The superintendent is Mr. D. A. Swaney, born in Pennsylvania. He has been two years engaged in mining in Kansas, previous to which he was three years at Joplin, Mo. In earlier days, Mr. Swaney was for fifteen years in the East a commercial traveler. He is a gentleman of excellent business qualifications. The grand success of this large corporation must largely be laid upon his shoulders.

Galena Lead and Zinc Company.—Among the best-known and most prosperous mining concerns in Galena, is the above well-known corporation, organized in 1877. To show the immense business annually transacted, we have merely to mention that during the year 1889 the output was 20,000,000 pounds zinc ore, and 3,000,000 lead ore. The company lease out their extensive tract of land to miners, who number 300. Mr. Peter Rice, the enterprising superintendent, is from Ohio. He is an A. O. U. W. and a Select Knight, and has lived in Kansas, off and on, since 1864. The thirteen years of experience he has had in mining make Mr. Rice a thorough expert at the business, and to his management is due much of the success which the company has achieved.

John M. Cooper & Co., Dry Goods and Groceries, Hardware, Miners' Supplies, Etc.—An intelligently-conducted enterprise in Galena is that of John M. Cooper & Co. They are heavy dealers in dry goods, groceries, hardware, miners' supplies, etc. They employ eight assistants and occupy an immense double store, each being 25x100 feet. The facilities this firm enjoys for business, are such as to enable them to offer their numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate. Mr. E. B. Schermerhorn, the managing partner, was born in Illinois, and is well calculated to materially aid and increase the general prosperity of the business of the city.

The North End Cash Grocery, A. Anderson, Proprietor.—A representative mercantile house of this city is this grocery, established in 1890. This place is well known as the one wherein to obtain the best groceries for the lowest price. His store is 20x60 feet. A full and complete stock of groceries is constantly on hand, and everything with which to supply the table. Mr. Anderson was born in Ohio and is a K. L. He has lived nine years in Galena and nineteen in Kansas. He is an energetic and capable business man, possessing the good will of the people of Galena.

Citizen's Bank.—This bank was started on the 30th of June, 1890; it is incorporated on a capital of \$50,000, and has from its inception done a fine business. E. P. Allen, the president,



lives in Independence, Kas.; M. Robeson, the vice president, was born in Pennsylvania, and has lived in Kansas thirteen years. He is well known as a member of the extensive lumber firm, Williams & Robeson, who, with headquarters at Galena, also have yards at Baxter Springs, Kas., Carl Junction and Zincite, Mo. John McCullagh, cashier, was born in Independence, Kas., and has been banking three years. The bank is committed to a wise and conservative policy, and is among the best financial institutions of Kansas.

C. F. Thomas, Groceries.—This well-equipped grocery house was established in 1881, and from the inception has had a prosperous career. The store measures 25x110 feet in extent, and three hands are employed. The large stock consists of staple and fancy groceries, including teas, coffees, provisions, etc. Mr. Thomas was born in Missouri, and is a K. of P. He has lived in Kansas since 1878. His well-deserved success has been gained by close attention to the wants of his patrons.

E. D. Sharpnack, Books, Etc.—Prominent among the enterprising concerns of Galena is that of E. D. Sharpnack, established February 3, 1890. The stock consists of a complete assortment of books, newspapers, and all the articles usually found in a first-class establishment of the kind. Mr. Sharpnack is also interested in mining in Galena and neighborhood. He came here from Ohio, is a K. P., and by exemplary conduct has won the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Chas. L. Sawyer, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance.—The leading real estate, loan and insurance business in Galena, is conducted by the above gentleman, who has been established six years. He has mineral, farm and city lands for sale of every description. In loans he has unlimited quantities of money, which are offered at fair and equitable terms. In fire insurance he represents twenty-one of the most reliable concerns in the country. Everything in connection with his business is attended to with

the greatest promptness. Mr. Sawyer was born in Illinois, and has lived twelve years in Kansas. He is a K. P. and an A. O. U. W.

G. W. Crawford, Livery.—A well-equipped and well-conducted livery is an important acquisition to the pleasure facilities of any community. In this connection we mention G. W. Crawford's livery, feed and sale stables. They were established by present proprietor in March, 1889. The premises are fitted up with all the modern conveniences. First-class single and double teams, also saddle horses, are furnished at liberal rates. He runs the city 'bus and transfer line. Special attention is given to boarding stock, also teams for traveling men. Thirty head of horses are kept on hand. Mr. Crawford is an old resident of Cherokee County, where he has farmed many years. He has shown by his skillful management that he entirely merits the success which has crowned his efforts.

Edward E. Sapp, Attorney.—This gentleman gives strength to the law fraternity here. He was born in Jackson, Mich. He studied law with Mr. Wirt Dexter, in Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in that city, in 1888. He is one of Galena's enterprising men, and at present is actively engaged in building a new opera house here, at a cost of \$10,000. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Cooper & Stough, Furniture, Etc.—Cooper & Stough have been established here three years, and occupy spacious premises 24x90 feet, also a wareroom 16x24 feet. They keep a stock of furniture, carpets, etc., embracing the finest designs and most fashionable styles. Their entire stock is new. They also do everything pertaining to modern undertaking, and the liberal patronage received demonstrates clearly the popularity of the house. Mr. John Cooper lives at Baxter Springs, Kas., where he is in the general merchandise business. Mr. W. P. Stough, the managing partner, was born in Ohio, and has had eight years' experience in the business. He is a painter and decorator by trade, and belongs to the M. W. A. and A. O. U. W.

Smith & Moeller, Lumber, Etc.—Our pen sketches of Galena's prosperous and well-to-do business firms would be incomplete without

the above firm. They have been established four years. They deal in lumber, lath, shingles, doors, windows, sash, plaster paris, lime hair, cement, etc. They also have yards at West Hollow, Mo. Mr. Smith was born in Philadelphia, and is an I. O. O. F. and K. P. He has lived twenty years in Kansas, and is the oldest lumber man in Cherokee County. Mr. Moeller was born in Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F., K. P. and A. O. U. W. He has had fifteen years' experience in the business in Kansas. These gentlemen justly enjoy the unlimited confidence of many patrons.

Alex. Dixon, Groceries, has been open now six years, and carries a complete assortment of all provisions, groceries, flour and feed usually carried in a first-class establishment, everything being offered at reasonable figures. The premises are 20x50 feet. Mr. D. was born in Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F. He holds the social esteem and business confidence of a large and growing patronage.

A. M. McPherson, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Ice and Coal.—Identified with the coal and ice business, is the familiar name of A. M. McPherson, who has been running five years; he also deals in gravel, and employs not less than twenty-three men. He is agent for the Kansas and Texas Coal Company. He does the largest ice and coal business, and is an extensive miner. He was born in Kentucky, is a Mason, has lived twelve years in Kansas, and is generally esteemed for his promptness and efficiency in all matters.

Bank's Hotel.—This, the only first-class hotel of Galena, has been conducted by the present proprietor, W. O. Parke, for seven years. It has four sample rooms on the first floor, special attention being given to traveling men. Dining-room seats one hundred; there are thirty bedrooms. Mr. Parke was born in Indiana, has been fourteen years in Kansas, and twenty-three years in the hotel business, formerly at Baxter Springs and in his native State.

Haines, Loomis & Co., Drugs, started five years ago, and occupy handsome premises 24x70 feet in extent. They keep a complete assortment of drugs, and make a specialty of wall paper, decorations and painters' supplies. Messrs. Haines and Loomis are natives of Indiana, and J. H. Boice of Ohio, and are K.'s of P.

OSWEGO.

THE beautiful little city that sails under the name of the above caption, is located in the Eastern portion of Labette County, on the banks of the historic Neosho River, and enjoys the title of county seat of Labette County. Its first settlers located here in the fall of 1868, and so well were they pleased with their choice that a larger majority of them still make this their homes, and bid fair to remain here the balance of their days. Although Oswego has not experienced what might be called a boom for a num-

ber of years, she has maintained a steady and healthy growth that has kept her abreast of the times, and has, indeed, outstripped many of her sister cities, who have had their booms and have collapsed, leaving them in a worse plight than they would have been had they been contented to progress slowly and surely as Oswego has done.

The country surrounding this city is adapted to agricultural pursuits, which are carried on extensively and most profitably. Between

thirty-five hundred and four thousand people comprise the population, which is made up from natives of almost all of the Eastern States. The water is the best and purest to be found in any country, and the supply has never run short, even in the dryest of seasons. Our manufactories comprise three large flouring-mills, one of which runs twenty-four hours out of each day, and has a capacity of three hundred and fifty

cially notice the Oswego Roller Mills. They have always maintained a very high reputation, so much so that they have no competition worth the mentioning in this section. The structure is a splendid one of four stories, with basement, and is fitted up with the best and most improved machinery and other appliances, all of which combine to make them the equal of any in the West, or elsewhere. They are located on the M. K. &



OPERA HOUSE BLOCK, OSWEGO.

barrels per day; the other two have a somewhat smaller capacity, but are none the less enterprising; a carriage factory, employing a number of skilled workmen; a splendid electric light plant, with both arc and incandescent systems, and a first class system of water works insures safety against fires, and furnishes water for lawns and fountains.

Oswego enjoys the title of being the richest city, so far as ready money among private citizens is concerned, of any city in Southeastern Kansas. The merchants and business men generally are of the most enterprising type, and society is of the most desirable to be found anywhere. Of churches we have the Methodist Episcopal, the Christian, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Congregational and the Catholic. The Presbyterian Church has under its supervision a college for young ladies, that has its attendants from all parts of the State.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF OSWEGO.

Oswego Roller Mills, E. Salomon, Manager.—Among the industries of Oswego which deserve favorable notice in our work, we spe-

T. and St. L. & S. F. railroads, handy for shipping with all possible dispatch. They have also a magnificent elevator on the same location. The capacity is 300 barrels every twenty-four hours. The choicest family and extra family flour are manufactured here, of which they ship thousands of barrels West and South. The manager, Mr. E. Salomon, from Texas, is a man of many years' experience in the business. He possesses a fine character, is prompt and energetic, and to his good management of affairs must be attributed the great success of the Oswego Roller Mills.

J. H. Morrison, County Attorney.—Kansas has a national reputation for absorbing the brain and capital of other States. Our best legal talent, attracted by our climate and resources, largely comes from them, and an instance of this is seen in the gentleman under notice, Mr. J. H. Morrison, the county attorney, a native of Pennsylvania. He studied law with Shope & Gray, of Illinois, being admitted to the Kansas bar in 1878. He has lived in Labette County ten years. He is an intelligent and substantial man, thoroughly versed in law, and is a standing example of the much-doubted fact that honest men can be good lawyers.

L. Sawyer & Co., Wholesale Groceries, Etc.—This is one of the best known business establishments in this section. L. Sawyer & Co., have been established eleven years and have



built up a brisk and heavy trade. The premises are 50x120 feet, are new, and comprise one of the handsomest business blocks in town. They employ from twelve to fifteen hands. Besides doing an extensive business as wholesale grocers, they deal in fruits, produce and grain. Their facilities for successfully conducting the business are of an unusually complete character, enabling them to offer their many customers advantages, difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate elsewhere. L. Sawyer & Co. are natives of Illinois, and thoroughly enjoy the public confidence, as is evidenced by the liberal patronage they receive.

G. S. King, Attorney at Law, was born in Maryland, and studied with J. M. S. Casine, of that State. He was admitted in 1857 to the Maryland bar, and in 1878 to the Kansas bar. Mr. King was lately county attorney. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which command for him the respect of his fraternity, and the confidence of the people.

Colin Hodge, Clerk District Court, Labette County—Mr. Colin Hodge, a native of Scotland, has been clerk of the district court, Labette County, since the 14th of January, 1889. He has lived in the county twenty-one years, having previously farmed with success, and having been well and favorably known to the people. He is a M. W. A., and served during the war in the 22nd Ill. Inf. and the 2nd U. S. Vols. Mr. Hodge ever performs his duties with conscientiousness, and is highly esteemed in the community.

J. A. Flora, Register of Deeds, Labette County—Mr. J. A. Flora, the popular register of deeds of Labette County, was elected last fall. He was born in Indiana, and is a member of the G. A. R. He has been well and favorably known, and is at the present time proprietor of the Condon House, of Oswego, one of the best houses in the State for the prices charged. As register of deeds he has competent assistants, and all business coming into the office receives careful attention. Mr. Flora, by his courtesy and capability, has justly won the confidence of the citizens.

Case & Glasse, Lawyers.—This strong legal combination was made January 1, 1885. Judge Case was born in Pennsylvania, and has lived in Kansas since 1869. He graduated from Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1869, and was admitted in February of the same year. He was formerly well known here for five years as probate judge. Mr. Glasse was born in Ohio. He graduated from the Ann Arbor law school in 1868, being admitted to the Kansas bar in 1869. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 126th and 170th Ohio Inf. Reg'ts. With their extended experience and abilities, this firm is as safe as it is possible for human intellect to be, while the many cases placed in their hands have received the best care and attention.

Walters & Laughlin, General Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Brokers.—This enterprising real estate firm was formed April 15, 1890. They buy, sell and exchange real estate and personal property; also possess the finest lands in Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Ohio and Texas, which they will exchange for Kansas property, or will give or take cash difference. They also do a loan and insurance business, representing several of the most reliable companies. In loans, too, they offer exceptional advantages. Mr. Walters was born in Illinois. He is notary public, and is a Mason and I. O. O. F. He formerly taught school four and a half years in Illinois. He is an M. W. A., and has lived here since 1881, having been known for many years as a loan and real estate dealer. Mr. Laughlin was born in Ireland, emigrated in 1850, when quite a boy, was raised near Oxford, Ohio. He has lived in Kansas since 1877.

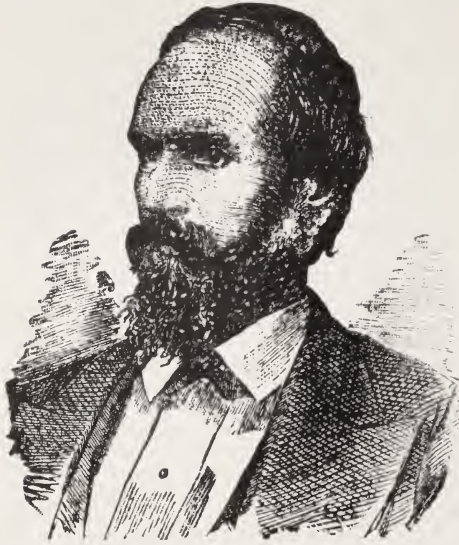
K. J. Martin, Bakery, Etc.—This well known bakery and grocery establishment, though but recently opened, bids fair to become one of Oswego's most attractive mercantile enterprises. Mr. Martin is the successor to J. A. Everett. The premises are 25x50 feet in extent. He does a large business in groceries, bakery, bread and meats. Mr. M. was born in Missouri. He is an A. O. U. W. He is a practical business man, his experience and judgment in all matters relating to his business being widely known to his patrons.

H. & J. W. Gilham, American Meat Market.—This well known-meat market has been established eight years. The store is 18x40 feet in dimensions. Two hands are employed and the business is a strictly first-class one in every respect. The meat sold at this market has gained a name for purity, freshness and fine quality. H. and J. W. Gilham were born in Indiana, and are Masons. Prompt, and reliable, they have won a liberal patronage, and the respect of all.

The "Courant."—This paper was established in 1880 as the *Republican*; in 1887 it took the name of the *Bee*, and in 1889 was nominated by its present enterprising owner the *Courant*. It is published weekly, and has gained a circulation of 850. Mr. S. C. Steinberger is a native of Iowa, and has been connected with the paper seven years. He occupies three rooms in the new brick block, and has besides newspaper

press, all the conveniences for doing good job printing of all kinds.

R. W. Wright, M. D., Druggist.—The drug house of Dr. Wright dates back its incep-



tion twenty-three years ago. The premises are 25x50 feet. The stock of drugs, chemicals, fancy

goods, toilet articles, etc., carried, is full, everything about the store being arranged with taste. The proprietor, Dr. Wright, is a native of Yorkshire, England, and is a Mason, Independent Order of Odd Fellow and G. A. R. He graduated from the New York Medical College. He is generally considered one of Oswego's most enterprising men, his profession and business having both been steadily on the increase from the very first.

Ahle & Freeman, Druggists.—This drug house was established in 1878, since which time the business has been brisk and prosperous. The large store is 25x140 feet. A fine stock of drugs, Druggists' sundries, and all goods pertaining to this line of trade is carried. Both partners are skilled in their profession, and are generally regarded as representative and successful men.

Red Front Livery, W. J. Randall, North-west Corner of Fourth and Michigan.—This is the leading and "only" livery of Oswego; has been long known to the people, and since it came into the possession of Mr. Randall has still further increased its popularity. The best buggies and twelve sleek, stylish horses are always at the public's disposal, and drivers are furnished to neighboring cities. Mr. Randall is a native of Ohio; has been in Kansas seven years, four of them in Dodge City, in real estate. His experience in stock-raising makes him a valuable acquisition to Oswego.

PARSONS.

PARSONS, KANSAS, is called the "Infant Wonder," and its marvelous increase is ample evidence that it is justly named. It was incorporated on the 8th day of March, 1871, by the Parsons Town Company, has had a wonderful growth since its incorporation, and now has about nine thousand inhabitants. The total number of votes registered at the November election were twenty-three hundred, and about two thousand votes were cast. The improvements that have been made in the past are of a substantial character, more so than is usually found in towns of its age. The various lines of business are well represented, and manufactories are now needed more than anything else. We need woolen, starch, canning and castor oil factories, and such institutions would pay big dividends on the capital invested. The city, financially, is in good condition, having but a small bonded indebtedness. The floating debt is small, and the taxes are not high.

Parsons is the Kansas headquarters of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company, and the general offices of the Kansas City & Pacific Railway are located here. This is the end of three divisions of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and its buildings in Parsons are of a permanent character. Their pay roll in this city aggregates some \$50,000 a month, and the force of workmen is being increased yearly. There are extensive machine and repair shops here, as well as round house, and also brass and iron

foundry, blacksmith shop and a storehouse. These buildings are built of brick and stone, with slate roofs, and are of a durable character. The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf Railway also runs through Parsons, and does a large business in the way of travel and shipping.

In the way of schools, Parsons is not behind any of her neighbors, and the four public school buildings, one in each ward, is a monument to the intelligence and mental worth of our citizens. There are twenty-six teachers employed in the schools, and the terms average nine months per year. These four buildings cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The spiritual welfare is well attended to and the following denominations have churches: Episcopal, Congregational, Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian, Catholic and colored. All have large congregations.

Parsons has gas and water works, and an electric railway will be built soon. She is also a candidate for the county seat of this, Labette County, and may be the county seat ere long. There is an efficient fire department, good fair grounds, daily and weekly newspapers.

The soil in the vicinity of Parsons is a black loam and limestone, producing principally corn, wheat, oats, castor beans, flax, potatoes, etc. These articles are shipped, with the addition of cattle and hogs. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes and all small fruits do well here, and find a ready market in all directions of the compass. The annual business of the city is about \$3,000,000,

and is increasing every year. The society and refinement of Parsons is of the highest order, her citizens courteous and hospitable, and welcome with open arms people who come to the city to settle. A better time for investing money to good advantage was never presented, and in consequence thereof, Eastern capital is being heavily invested in the city and surrounding country.

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REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF PARSONS.

City Bank of Angell Matthewson & Co.—One of the most substantial and best-conducted private banking houses in the West is that of Angell Matthewson & Co., established in September, 1880. Possessing, as they do, the ample capital of \$100,000, and surplus of \$50,000, they can meet any demand which may be made upon them, while the confidence which is felt in the bank is shown by the yearly-increasing business transacted. Special attention given to collections throughout the United States, returns being promptly made. Mr. Angell Matthewson is a native of New York, and is an I. O. O. F. and member of the G. A. R. During his nineteen years' residence in Parsons, he has been closely identified with every large enterprise, not the least of which was the building, in 1888, of the "Matthewson House," one of the finest hotels in the West. Mr. F. H. Snyder, cashier, was also born in New York, and has been ten years in the bank. He has ever shown himself thoroughly qualified for his responsible position, of cashier.

J. Willard Walker, Real Estate, Etc.—The active demand constantly existing for real estate in this section, indicates how remunerative are judicious investments in this line. Mr. J. Willard Walker is well known in Parsons as an enterprising real estate broker, also as conveyancer and notary public. He is a recognized authority on lands and city and country realty of every description, and those relying on his sound judgment and judicious advice will secure remunerative investments, with large future increase of value. Mr. Walker was born in New Jersey, and has lived in Kansas ten years. Customers can rest assured of having their best interests sedulously cared for, and of securing advantages not found in any other city in Kansas.

Standard Implement Company.—One of the large enterprises which form the basis of the commercial wealth of this trade-center, is the Standard Implement Company. This house is a branch of the Standard Implement Company of Kansas City, being the successors to N. F. Mills & Co. The premises occupied are 50x100 feet, besides another spacious room upstairs, which is 25x75 feet. An immense trade, wholesale and retail, is done in farm implements, farm machinery, wagons, buggies; field seeds a specialty. The house quotes lowest prices for best goods, thus offering substantial inducements. Mr. N. F. Mills, the manager, is a native of New York, and has had ten

years' experience in the business. He is an A. O. U. W. Mr. Mills is regarded in this city as one thoroughly conversant with the details of the enterprise engaged in, and deserving of success and patronage.

H. H. Lusk, Post Master.—This gentleman is a native of Indiana, and has been the painstaking post master of Parsons since May 11, 1889, which office he fills with entire satisfaction to the Government and the public at large. He was raised in Illinois. Mr. Lusk has been for many years and is the able editor and proprietor of Parsons' great daily and weekly journal, the *Sun*, which has a daily circulation of 1,800, and weekly 2,800. It is generally recognized as one of the most readable newspapers in the West.

Dr. O. E. Peters, Surgeon.—This well known eye and ear surgeon is a native of Ohio, and has been practicing here six years—twenty-two years altogether. He treats all diseases of the eye ten days free, if satisfaction is not given. The Doctor is a thorough expert at his profession, having graduated in 1881 from the Bennett Medical College. His reception, operating and consulting rooms are handsomely equipped with everything needed for the comfort of patrons, and he has obtained a liberal share of public favor, the best proof of his skill and care.

E. W. Boardman, M. D., Homeopathist.—The homeopathic practice of medicine, for years distrusted by a doubting public, has slowly but surely converted to its ranks some of the greatest talent of our day, till now homeopathists take their place in the front of medical science. Dr. E. W. Boardman is a native of Wisconsin, and has been practicing two years here—six years in all. He studied with his father in Wisconsin, graduating in 1884 from the Hahnemann College, Chicago. He gives special attention to chronic and children's diseases. He is an active member of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Kansas; also a Mason, I. O. O. F., and an A. O. U. W.

The Inter-State Mortgage Trust Company.—This influential corporation was organized three years ago with a capital of \$100,000, since which time it has enjoyed an enviable reputation as the representative concern of its kind in the city. They loan on farm and city property. Seven per cent guaranteed first mortgages. They also deal largely in real estate, always have a large lot of real estate for sale and exchange for other property. Parties wishing to buy well-improved farms will find it to their advantage to correspond with them. The facilities this concern has for successfully conducting the business are unusually complete, enabling them to offer advantages difficult to duplicate. The president and general manager of the Western office is Mr. Jerome R. Brown, from New York, who has lived in Parsons fifteen years and has been well known for that period as an enterprising capitalist and loaner of money. He is a Mason. The following are the remaining officers: F. M. Thompson, vice president, general manager Eastern office, Greenfield, Mass.; Ira. F. Adams, secretary and treasurer, Parsons, Kas.; W. N. Snow, cashier, Greenfield, Mass. The Inter-State Mortgage Trust Company has

reason indeed to be proud of the able and enterprising policy, whereby such a solid success has been achieved.

M. Schmitz, Jeweler.—Among the prosperous business concerns of Parsons, we notice Mr. M. Schmitz's. He was established in 1873. He employs two hands. His stock contains gold



and silver watches, clocks, novelties in jewelry, silverware, diamonds, etc., and has been selected with the utmost care, and is to be sold at the lowest prices consistent with fair dealing. Repairing of fine watches a specialty, and watches changed from key to stem wind at M. Schmitz's, the leading jeweler. A gold watch for \$1 per week, or \$4 per month. He is an expert at the business, which he has had a life-long experience in. He was born in Wisconsin, and has justly enjoyed a liberal share of favor.

Singer Sewing-Machines, I. M. Roderick, Manager.—The above gentleman has been manager of the Singer sewing-machine emporium of Parsons one year. This celebrated machine is in use throughout the civilized world, and is acknowledged by the public to be the best in point of construction, simplicity, scientific and mechanical principle, lightness, strength, and general adaptability to the work required of them. Mr. Roderick came here from Illinois. He has been three years in the business, and has six men under him. He is an energetic, clear-headed business man, liberal and fair in all transactions, and to him is to be attributed much of the success the company has achieved in this section.

A. M. Taylor & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Coal.—The coal trade is well represented in this busy city, by A. M. Taylor & Co., established June 1, 1890. They deal in Weir City, Scammonville, McAlester, Russell Creek, Piedmont, smithing and anthracite coal,

of which the stock carried is very comprehensive. A large force of men and teams is employed. The facilities this firm possesses for conducting business are of a very complete character, enabling them to offer to their numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate elsewhere. Mr. Taylor was born in New York. He is a K. of P., and has been well known here for ten years in the business.

Ira J. Reeme, Druggist, is successor to H. S. McKim, who was established twelve years. Mr. Reeme has met with marked success, and an enlarged sphere of usefulness. The store is a handsomely-furnished apartment, 24x50 feet in extent, with basement, and contains a large assortment of drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, and druggists' articles in general. Mr. Reeme was born in Pennsylvania, and is a Mason. He has had eighteen years' experience in the business, having formerly resided many years at Afton, Iowa. He ranks among the most successful business men of Parsons.

The Bon-Ton Bakery, Wortsmith & Barr.—The City of Parsons possesses a meritorious establishment in the above. The premises occupied are 25x150 feet. They do a large business as bakers, confectioners and restaurateurs; also in nuts, fruits, candies, etc. They employ nine hands in the business, the largest one of the kind in the city. They also have an ice cream parlor, the favorite resort of the Parsons ladies and gentlemen. Messrs. Wortsmith & Barr are natives of Michigan and Indiana. Their enterprise is a credit to them, and they will continue to receive the liberal patronage they command.

Boston Shoe House.—The handsome Boston Boot and Shoe Store was founded some time ago, Mr. H. F. Reid, manager, having been in the business fourteen years. The premises are 25x100 feet in extent. Two hands are employed. The stock comprises a full line of men's, boys', ladies', misses' and children's boots, shoes, gaiters, slippers, etc.; also rubbers. It will be to the decided advantage of all citizens to call and examine this splendid stock. Mr. Reid was born in Illinois. He is a Mason, M. W. A., K. A., A. O. U. W. and P. A., and manages an enterprise of which he may justly feel proud.

A. H. Tyler, Lawyer.—One of the most intelligent young lawyers of Parsons is Mr. A. H. Tyler, a native of New York. He studied his chosen profession with Theodore H. Swift, of New York, and has been practicing in Parsons for twelve years. He belongs to the K's of P., and is one of the committee on revision of grand and subordinate lodge constitutions. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Dr. J. W. Graves has been practicing with eminent success for four years in Parsons; thirty years in all, formerly in Iowa. He treats all forms of chronic diseases with marked success, a few of which are cancer, (internal or external cured,) nasal catarrh, without fail; piles, a cure guaranteed by a new remedy; diseases of women by a new cure; tape worm removed every

time. Terms moderate. Throat and lung diseases yield readily to bactericidal treatment. Parties should not put themselves under treatment until they have seen the doctor. He studied with Dr. Harry Bowman, of Ohio. He was born in Ohio, and is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and a Select Friend.

The Pacific Express Company.—Mr. James A. June, the enterprising representative of the Pacific Express Company, at Parsons, Kas., is a native of Vermont, and has had twenty years' experience in the express business. He has five ready men under his control, and one delivery wagon. Mr. June is a gentleman whose career bears evidence of his strict integrity and sterling personal worth.

J. W. Iden, Lawyer.—This gentleman is a native of Ohio, and has been practicing in Parsons since 1887, in which year he was admitted to the bar. He studied law with Messrs. Kimball & Osgood, of Parsons. Mr. Iden is deputy county attorney, and belongs to the M. W. A. He does a general practice, both in the civil and criminal courts, prosecuting his clients' interest with judgment, with due respect to opposing parties.

Matthewson House, C. A. Rasbach, Proprietor.—This pleasantly-located hotel was opened April 19, 1888, with 100 well-furnished sleeping-rooms, heated with steam; steam elevator; hot and cold baths on every floor; large sample rooms and every modern convenience, the table being bountifully furnished with every delicacy, the dining-room seating 200 people. Mr. C. A. Rasbach, the proprietor, is a native of New York, and a hotel man of many years' experience, possessing the characteristics necessary to success in this line. He has made the Matthewson a desirable and home-like hostelry.

The Parsons "Palladium," established in 1883, is a bright and newsy sheet. It has a weekly circulation of 850, and its advertising rates are reasonable. Frank W. Frye, the enterprising editor, is a native of Ohio, and has resided in Labette County twenty years, during all of which time he has been actively engaged in printing. He employs three hands and has a nice job office, where he is prepared to do all kinds of plain and ornamental printing, commercial work, society cards, etc.

INDEPENDENCE.

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THE COMMERCIAL AND RAILWAY METROPOLIS OF SOUTHERN KANSAS.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Independence, the county seat, is substantially built and has a population of thirty-five hundred. At the east side of the city flows the Verdigris River, and at the south side, Rock Creek. The site is rolling and has the finest natural drainage. The streets on the original plat of 640 acres are all one hundred feet wide, cross each other at right angles, have sidewalks sixteen feet in width, and are lined with shade trees of elm, maple and catalpa. The present site embraces about one thousand acres.

Independence has the United States Land Office, more than one hundred brick and stone business houses, three brick public school houses, costing forty-two thousand dollars, fourteen churches, one daily and two weekly newspapers, one steam printing-press, two opera houses, three banks, seven hotels, a complete system of water works, costing eighty thousand dollars and having seven miles of mains, sixty fire plugs, a well-equipped fire company, an electric light plant, a foundry, a canning-factory, a brick yard, two cigar factories, a carriage factory, a mattress and awning factory, a broom factory, three flouring-mills, one of the largest market gardens, and the best bromo-magnesian well (eleven hundred feet deep) in the State.

The county court house, jail and jailer's residence were built at a cost of \$55,000.

Independence is at the junction of the Southern Kansas and Chicago, Kansas & Western (Santa Fé) and the crossing of the Verdigris Valley, Independence & Western (Mo. Pac.) Railroads, giving her already ample railroad facilities.

The growth of Independence has been steady and constant. Prices of real estate are not speculative nor fictitious, but based upon legitimate values. Commercial failures have been few and far between, and among the large number of prosperous and wealthy merchants now in the city, there is not one but began in Independence with very limited capital. A number of them are now worth twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars, made in legitimate mercantile business in Independence. Independence invites enterprise, labor, capital and good citizenship. These with her superior natural resources and advantages will make her soon a city of the first class.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Is one of the southern tier border counties, being third from the southeast corner of the State. In size it is twenty-four by twenty-seven miles, and the general surface is a rolling prairie, broken with numerous valleys and belts of timber which follow the streams, and here and there a round mound rising fifty to one hundred feet in height. It is one of the best-watered counties in the State. The soil and climate belong to Southern Kansas and are not found together elsewhere.

The present population is twenty-seven thousand, being eleventh in the State. About one-fifth is Kansas born, nearly one-half come from the four States, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. The county has one hundred and five school districts with one hundred and ten school buildings, has one hundred and fifty-five miles of railroad in operation, having added ninety during 1886. Six bridges now span the two rivers, Verdigris and Elk, and four more will be completed this year.

The county has sixteen post offices, fifteen newspapers, thirteen banks, sixty-one church organizations, and sixteen million dollars real and personal property.

Lands in Montgomery County were first subject to entry in June, 1871. The increase in population and wealth has been steady and constant. The county is rich in natural resources, the best of soil, plenty of timber and coal, an abundance of the finest sandstone, and a good quality of limestone.

The county is adapted to farming and stock-raising. All kinds of fruit grow well. The year 1886 had two hundred and four days without frost, from April 6th to October 27th. There is seldom a killing frost after March 15th, or before November 1st. Less than one-half the land is in cultivation. Prices of land are advancing, but grand opportunities are offered for obtaining cheap farms.

The staple field crops are corn, wheat and oats, and the average yield respectively per acre, forty, twenty and forty-five bushels. Tame grasses grow luxuriantly. Large areas of native prairie grass afford cheap pasturage and prairie hay at \$2.50 to \$4.00 per ton.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF INDEPENDENCE.

Eagle Roller Mills, G. W. Bowen & Son.—Among the industries of Independence which deserve favorable notice are the Eagle Roller Mills, which are located in the finest wheat-growing section in the country, and which from the very inception have always maintained a high reputation. The building is fully equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances, all of which combine to make them the equal of any in the West, or elsewhere. They are admirably located on the railroads, thus having ample facilities for shipping with the greatest dispatch. Choice patents and extra family flours are made by the full-roller process. The capacity is 150 barrels every twenty-four hours. G. W. Bowen & Son possess unusual facilities for

successfully conducting the business, whereby they can offer their numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate.

First National Bank.—A true exponent of the thrift of any community is the prosperity of its banking institutions. A conspicuous ex-



ample is the First National Bank, organized July 1, 1883. Paid-up capital and surplus, \$60,000; stockholders' liability, \$100,000. Mr. E. P. Allen, president, was born in Kentucky. He has lived twenty years in Kansas, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 13th Ky. Inf. He is one of Kansas's most esteemed financiers. Mr. G. L. Remington, cashier, was born in New York, and has been engaged in banking six years. He also belongs to the G. A. R., and served in the 21st N. Y. Inf. He is thoroughly informed as to all the details of banking, and as cashier is undoubtedly the right man in the right place.

Henry Baden, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in General Merchandise.—An extensive and prosperous business is that so ably conducted by Mr. Henry Baden, established twenty years. Mr. Baden does an immense wholesale and retail business in dry goods, notions, carpets, hats, caps, boots, shoes, groceries, provisions, etc., throughout the entire country. He is a shipper of fruits and game in season. He employs fifteen hands and uses three stores for his business, each 23x90 feet in extent, also two large warehouses. Paid up capital \$100,000. All bills discounted. Mr. Baden was born in Germany, and has lived twenty-one years in Kansas. He belongs to the German Lutheran Church, and has shown himself in every way a valuable acquisition to the business men of Independence. The splendid reputation which, individually and as a mercantile house, he has built up, is owing solely to his own efforts. Offering, as he does, inducements which few firms can duplicate, dealers or parties throughout the West can find

no more reliable or trustworthy house with which to deal.

T. H. Earnest, Register of Deeds.—Mr. T. H. Earnest, the popular register of deeds, is a native of the State of Illinois, and has in every respect proven to be faithful and competent. Mr. Earnest has been a resident of Montgomery County ten years, and previous to his being register, was engaged fourteen years in railroading in Kansas. He is always to be found foremost in those movements which look toward public improvement, either morally or materially.

G. W. Fulmer, County Clerk.—A name identified with the welfare and happiness of Montgomery County is that of G. W. Fulmer, the county clerk. He is a native of New York State, where he was raised, and imbibed those solid principles of love of work and sterling integrity, which have through life distinguished him. He has lived in the county since 1870, and formerly farmed. He is a Mason and member of the G. A. R. He employs a competent corps of clerks, and runs the office in a first class manner, most satisfactory to the bench, bar and people.

Cross & Son, Hardware and Agricultural Implements, Etc.—Among the reliable establishments of Independence is Cross & Son's, established in 1884. The premises occupied are commodious, 50x100 feet in extent, two stories and double basement. A mammoth stock is carried, first-class in quality and comprises a full line of hardware, agricultural implements, carriages and spring wagons; best sulky plow on earth, field and garden seeds, binders, mowers and threshing-machines; three to four hands are employed. This firm has also large establishments at Elk City and Caney, Kas. Mr. F. G. Cross, manager at Independence, was born in Illinois. He has lived in this county seven years, and is a Mason. He thoroughly understands his business, and has shown the finest tact and skill in the management of the extensive enterprise.

Commercial Bank.—Prominent among those institutions which make this city the peer of any city in the West, is the Commercial Bank, organized January 1, 1884. Paid-in capital and surplus, \$75,000. This bank does a prosperous business of a general character, and is the designated county depository. Mr. P. V. Hockett, president, was born in Indiana. He is a Mason, and has lived ten years in Kansas. George T. Guernsey was born in Iowa, and has been in banking since 1874. As cashier of the bank he has proven very reliable, and an important factor in the upbuilding of the institution. The bank is committed to a wise and conservative policy, and unquestionably ranks among the leaders of the great West.

A. H. McLaughlin, Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Company.—Conspicuous among the enterprising concerns engaged in business here, we notice the Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of which A. H. McLaughlin is the able manager. The well-arranged yards are supplied with all requisite facilities. A complete stock is carried, while a

force of men and teams is employed in the transaction of the extensive business. Mr. McLaughlin was born in Indianapolis, Ind. He has been in the business eight years, four years with the present company, formerly one year with G. B. Shaw & Co. He is an I. O. O. F., and has lived in Kansas ten years, and has been with present concern ever since it started in Kansas. He is thorough-going in everything he undertakes.

E. A. Hamilton, Groceries, Queensware, Etc.—Among the well-conducted mercantile enterprises in Independence is E. A. Hamilton's, established six years. The store is 23x101 feet. Three hands are employed. He is a large dealer in groceries, queensware and decorated ware. Mr. Hamilton is a native of the State of Illinois, and is identified with the I. O. O. F. He is an energetic merchant, whose success is but the natural result of his legitimate deserts.

D. F. Camenga, Dry Goods, Etc.—This ably-conducted store dates its inception back twenty years ago. The commodious premises are 23x102 feet. Mr. Camenga deals in dry goods, carpets, boots, shoes, etc. All sold here is of the very best as regards quality, and at prices consistent with fair dealing. Five hands are employed. Mr. Camenga was born in Germany. He is a Mason, and formerly was in partnership for twelve years here in the same business, in the firm of Camenga & Anderson. His splendid reputation entitles his house to be regarded as one of the representative concerns of the city.

G. E. Gilmore, Insurance and Pension Agent.—This enterprising gentleman has been established two years, and from the inception has done a good business. In the insurance department, he represents numerous standard lightning, tornado and accident insurance companies, whose assets amount to several millions. He is also pension agent and justice of the peace. Mr. Gilmore was born in Pennsylvania, and is a Mason and A. O. U. W. He has lived in Kansas six years, and is considered as one who has rendered valuable services to Independence.

Dr. C. O. Hood.—The name of Hood is one of the most influential in Independence. Dr. C. O. Hood was born in Indiana, and has been practicing five years in this city. He took a special course in New York, and graduated in 1879 from the medical department of the Butler University, Indiana. He is an active member of the State Medical and District Medical Societies. He is a master of his profession, a genial and generous gentleman.

M. D. Henry, Pacific Express.—Among the gentlemen favorably known to this community is M. D. Henry, the agent of the Pacific Express Company. Mr. Henry has been nineteen years in the business here—forty years in all. He was born in New York State, and is a prominent Mason and K. T., being well known here as past eminent commander of the local commandery. He is a gentleman of the finest business ability, and has been engaged in transportation business since he was twenty-two years of age.

Caldwell House, J. B. Hooper, Proprietor.—There is nothing which adds so much to the prestige of a city as first-class hotel accommodations. The Caldwell House has been under Mr. J. B. Hooper three years. The house is a fine building, containing twenty airy sleeping-apartments. The dining-hall seats fifty persons. Ten employes are required. There are four sample rooms for the commercial trade. This house is new, and is headquarters for traveling-men. The excellent *cuisine* is a feature. Mr. Hooper was born in Indiana, and has been known here for fifteen years in the hotel business. He served in the late war in the 59th Ind. Inf. He is prominently identified with the Masonic order, being a Mystic Shriner.

Al. Brown, Photographer, has been established thirteen years, and has fitted up a suite of

rooms that, for taste and attractiveness are unsurpassed by any establishment in the State. The operating-room is a model of good taste in its appointments, the roof being so constructed as to give the best possible effect from early morning until late in the afternoon. Mr. Brown was born in Ohio, and is a Mason.

"Tribune" Steam Printing-House, W. T. and C. Yoe, Proprietors.—The enterprising paper, the South Kansas *Tribune*, was established in 1871. It is the official county and city paper, terms \$2 per year, and is the best advertising medium in the county. It is republican in politics and has a circulation of 13,000. W. T. Yoe, the senior partner, was born in Indiana, and served in the 137th Ill. Regt. C. is a native of Illinois. Both have been in the business all their lives.

CHERRYVALE.

CHERRYVALE is the quietest, nicest and most home-like little town in Kansas. It is characterized by the want of that feverish rush and boom so common in many Kansas towns, and so disastrous to their ultimate progress and welfare. The town site was laid out in 1871 by the Kansas City, Lawrence & Southern Railway. The town had some progress up to 1873, when a fire destroyed the main business portion. This did not discourage her men, however, who set to work erecting in place of frame, substantial brick buildings. For some years, however, growth was slow, so that in 1879 there was only a population of 250. In this year the St. Louis, Wichita & Western road was built, crossing the Kansas City, Lawrence & Southern at this place. The Fort Scott narrow gauge was then constructed to the Cherokee coal fields; this road was made a standard gauge in 1882. It was also in 1879 that the Southern Kansas was extended west to the Arkansas River, and the piece of the road leading south to Coffeyville was operated as a branch. This gave the town a new impetus, and its growth has since been steady, till it now has a population of some 2,800 people, and is a good commercial metropolis, with numerous solid brick business blocks and tastily-constructed residences.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CHERRYVALE.

Cherryvale National Bank was established in May, 1890, with a capital of \$50,000, having for its officers gentlemen whose names are a guarantee for its success. The president, Geo. T. Guernsey, is a native of Connecticut; and Cashier R. T. Webb was born in Indiana, but since 1884 a resident of Kansas, and for five years connected with a bank. This institution succeeded the old State Bank of this city, which was started in 1885. Owning the building occupied by the bank, which covers 24x52 feet, the interior is fitted with every convenience for the

safe and rapid transaction of business. With the ample capital and the sagacity of its officers, the bank's capacity for increasing its already large business is practically without limit.

Thompson Bros., Real Estate and Loans.—Among the reliable real estate and loan firms of Kansas, none have a wider circle of acquaintances than Messrs. C. C. and G. B. Thompson, who have for the past ten years been factors in the developing of this section. C. C. Thompson also practices law, having been admitted to the bar in 1880. Both gentlemen are natives of Indiana, and since their residing in Cherryvale have won for themselves a fine reputation. Correspondence with out-of-town parties is desired, and those seeking investments should acquaint themselves with the choice line of real estate that this firm controls. Enjoying the confidence of the public in an unusual degree, the high standing of Messrs. Thompson Bros. has been won by strict attention, and acting always up to business principles.

H. T. Wright & Son, Hardware, Stoves, Etc.—Messrs. H. T. and C. O. Wright have in the four years they have been doing business, established a reputation greatly to be envied. In their store, 32x80, is a complete stock of shelf and builders' hardware, stoves, tin and japanned ware. The senior of the firm had an experience of twenty-five years in this line, in Ohio and Iowa, prior to locating here, and the knowledge thus acquired is shown by the reasonableness of charges, as, being close buyers, customers find the advantage of dealing at this store to be productive of gain to themselves. Mr. C. O. Wright is one of our earnest young business men, and is identified with the Masonic and K. of P. orders.

The "Champion," F. G. Moore, Proprietor.—A well-conducted and popular paper is the *Champion*, of which F. G. Moore is the proprietor. Since its *entree*, in June, 1887, its circulation has steadily increased, and its columns are eagerly sought as a profitable medium to

reach customers, by reason of its weekly issue to 720 subscribers. Republican in its principles, clear and decisive in its policy, attractive in its make-up, this paper is warmly received by its friends, in both city and county. Connected with the establishment is a large job printing office. Mr. Moore is a native of Illinois, and has been in Kansas since 1871. A member of the K. of P., and a popular citizen, the career of the *Champion* has been progressive from the beginning, and reflects credit upon its proprietor.

First National Bank.—A bank of high reputation for its careful and prudent management is the First National, of which C. T. Ewing, a banker of Thayer, Kas., for the past twenty years, is the president, and Chas. A. Mitchell, a native of Pennsylvania, occupies the position of cashier. The premises are owned by Mr. Ewing and consist of a handsome brick building, three-

story, corner. The bank was first started as a private one in 1890, and in 1885 was made a national, with a capital of \$50,000, now having a surplus of \$8,000. Since 1880 Mr. Mitchell has had charge of its affairs, and his management has been greatly to the interest of the stockholders. During the war Mr. M. was thirteen months in the 151st Ill. Inf. He has been mayor of Thayer, and on the school board for seven years. At present he is mayor of Cherryvale, since April, 1889, and is past post commander of the G. A. R. at this place. The president, Mr. Ewing, was the commander of Ewing's Independent Battery, which was recruited in West Virginia, and attached to the Army of the Potomac, before he was of age, and for four years was one of the finest batteries in the army, being equipped with six steel guns. At the close of the war Mr. Ewing engaged in banking and has had a career of success in this pursuit.

FREDONIA.

FREDONIA is a city of two thousand souls. It has been built up since 1870, and has a charming location on a commanding plateau, nearly one thousand feet above the sea. On the south and west rise two grand table mounds, nearly two hundred feet above the valley, forming one of the loveliest of landscapes to be seen between the two oceans. The city itself is worthy of its rich and attractive surroundings. It is amply platted, with a central park, upon the four sides of which are the principal business houses. The new court houses cost thirty thousand dollars; the high school house ten thousand dollars. The city has six churches. It has two railroads—the Missouri Pacific and the Frisco.

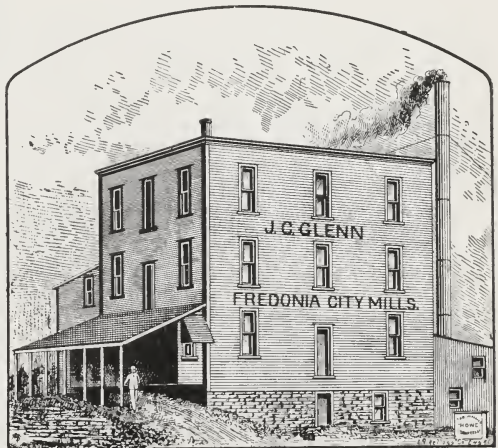
above meat market for three years. The premises occupied are well-suited to the transaction of the flourishing business. Mr. Slater was born in Indiana, and has lived in Kansas nine years. He served during the war in the 11th Wis. Inf. He is generally esteemed as among the most deservedly successful men in Fredonia.

J. C. Glenn, Proprietor Fredonia City Roller Mills.—Among those industries which, by their

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF FREDONIA.

J. A. Burge, Manager Western Union Telegraph Company; Agent Adams Express Company.—An enterprising and well-known name here is J. A. Burge. He was born in Illinois, and is the able manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and for the Adams and Wells-Fargo Express Companies. He has been twelve years in the business in Fredonia, where he has lived twenty years. Mr. Burge is a member of the Fredonia bar, having formerly been partner of W. A. Pepper, and afterward of Senator Kirkpatrick, at which time Mr. Burge possessed the finest law library in this section. He is prominently identified with the K. T., K. of P. and G. A. R., having served in the 134th Ill. Inf. He is a gentleman of splendid character and good business abilities, and by his conduct in all business matters has won the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

B. F. Slater, Meat Market.—Success to a large extent in any business depends upon intelligent proficiency, such as that exercised by Mr. B. F. Slater, who has been proprietor of the



heavy operations, lend largely towards the importance of Fredonia, are the Fredonia City Roller Mills, established two years. The building is fitted up with the best machinery and other appliances. Mr. J. C. Glenn, proprietor, is a heavy manufacturer of best grades of flour, graham, meal, etc.; also dealer in grain and coal. The capacity is 75 barrels a day. Mr. Glenn was born in Pennsylvania, and formerly was in lumber circles for sixteen years, in Michigan. His long experience and general reputation entitle

him to be regarded as one of Fredonia's representative men.

Hotel Gold Dust.—This popular hotel was built in 1874, and is the property of the pro-



prietor, Mr. Samuel Baughman, who erected it at a cost of \$12,000, independent of all outside expenses. The building is an imposing three-story brick structure, with basement. Ten hands are employed. The sleeping-apartments are well furnished. The dining-hall seats forty persons. Special accommodations for commercial trade, and two sample rooms. In the Gold Dust we find one of the best hotels in Kansas. The genial proprietor, Mr. Samuel Baughman, was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Illinois. He has lived in Wilson County since 1874, and was formerly sheriff two terms, immediately after which he built the hotel. He is a Mason, K. T. and G. A. R., having served in the war in the Birgess Sharpshooters. He is ably seconded in the hotel by his wife.

A. J. Mannen, Sheriff.—One of the State's pioneer residents is now serving his second term as sheriff. He has lived in Kansas twenty-five years. In the war he served in the Kansas militia. He is cut out for an efficient sheriff, being quick, active and affable, and is full of business and attends to his duties promptly.

D. A. Loomis, Photographer, is the leading artist of Wilson County, having been established twelve years. His gallery occupies four elegantly and completely equipped rooms. Mr. Loomis was born in Michigan, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and Ancient Order of United Workmen

YATES CENTER.

YATES CENTER, the county seat of Woodson County, is located on sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, and includes, with its various additions, about five hundred acres in township 25, south of range 15, east of the 6th principal meridian, the geographical center of the county. It is to this fact that it owes its existence; its owner, Mr. Abner Yates, being a resident of Jacksonville, Ill., and having never contemplated starting a town at this point. The locating of a county seat had kept the county in a state of uncertainty for several years, and the inhabitants of Kalida and Defiance, each of which had been for a time the county seat, made overtures to Mr. Yates for the laying out of a town which should, by its position in the county, be the most convenient seat of justice. The election to determine where the county seat should be permanently located, took place September 12, 1876, and was hotly contested between Yates Center (as it had come to be known) and Neosho Falls. Yates Center had a clear majority of all the votes cast, and her position as the county seat of Woodson County has not since been questioned. Yates Center numbers about sixteen hundred inhabitants, having lost about two hundred residents, of all ages, during the hard times of the past three or four years. She has an unbounded supply of excellent building stone, as the numerous fine store buildings and the really fine and commodious Hotel Woodson declare. The town is well supplied with soft water for drinking

purposes, which is reached at a depth of from sixteen to thirty feet. The large stone quarries contiguous to the town have in the past and will in the future furnish remunerative employment to a small army of men.

Yates Center has excellent railroad facilities, and is destined at no distant day to become an important factor in railroad circles. The first railroad to reach the Center was the Fort Scott, Wichita & Western, which was built through here in 1879, affording us a direct route to St. Louis and all points East. In 1885-6 the Verdigris Valley, Independence & Western Railway was completed through this place, opening up a route for direct communication with Kansas City, and affording our shippers a short and direct road to that excellent stock and grain market. Both of these roads are under the management of the Missouri Pacific, and are noted for prompt service, elegant accommodations, and the courteous attendance of the employés. In 1887 the Colony branch of the Chicago, Kansas & Western built into this town from Colony, on the Southern Kansas road, thus giving a competing road to Kansas City, and all points East. This road will at some future day build on to the Southwest, and will be a main line for the Santa Fé, as it is practicable to shorten their route to the Southwest a great deal over the line surveyed from here.

Yates Center has a school population of 486, furnishing employment to a superintendent and

a corps of six teachers. All the branches included in the curriculum of the common and high schools are successfully taught. The Center is a church-going city. The following denominations own and occupy their places of worship: The Methodists, the German Evangelical, the Presbyterians, the Baptists, the Christians, and the United Brethren. The Christian Scientists have a small congregation here, but own no place of worship. The Catholics will at an early day build a church at this point. The churches are all in a fairly-prosperous condition, and will no doubt go on extending the circle of their beneficent influence until but few remain without the pale of the church. Three newspapers aid the churches and schools in their labor of reform and enlightenment. The *News* was established in 1877 by Steinberg & Baker, and has held the foremost place among the newspapers of this town, from that day to this. It is and always has been a stalwart, uncompromising exponent of Republican doctrine. It is the official paper of Woodson County. The *Democrat* was established in 1883, and has gallantly fought the battles of the minority party in this county from its first issue to the present time. The *Farmers' Advocate* was established during the present year, and is the organ of the People's party. It is ably edited and carefully managed, and will soon be established on a paying basis.

The Center is in the midst of a productive farming country, and has a good trade in stock, produce and wool. Thirty car-loads of good horses and mules have been shipped from here by Martin Bros. alone, during the last year. The wool from over eighteen thousand head of sheep is shipped from here every year. The Center has been a good trading point for farmers for several years. We have never experienced a boom at this point, and we are not anxious for an experience of that character. Yates Center has always had a steady growth, and will undoubtedly continue to grow in magnitude and commercial importance until it eclipses rivals of far greater pretensions to urban dignity than the Center has ever shown.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF YATES CENTER.

Yates Center Bank, Winter, Bancroft & Co., Bankers.—One of the most substantial and best conducted private banking houses in the West is the above, which was established in 1885. Possessing ample capital, it can meet any demand which may be made upon it, and the confidence which is felt in it is shown by the annually-increasing business transacted. Messrs. Winter, Bancroft & Co. are natives of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Pittsburg, Pa., respectively. This bank gives especial attention to collections throughout the United States, returns being promptly made. With the resources at its command, and the energy and business capacity of its officers, there is practically no limit to the business of the firm.

Johnson Bros. & Browning, Loans on Chattels.—One of the important and representa-

tive city enterprises in its important branch of commercial activity is that of the above well-known firm, established here, August, 1890; headquarters at Eureka, Kas. They make a specialty of chattels and real estate loans, on which money to any desired amount is loaned, and the fair and equitable terms offered have drawn to the office a large and most desirable patronage. The resident partner at Yates Center, Mr. Browning, is a gentleman of practical experience in the business, and has much enterprise. He is highly respected and esteemed in local trade circles, and numbered among the representative Yates Center business men.

R. M. Phillips, County Clerk.—A name identified with the material welfare and social happiness of Woodson County is that of R. M. Phillips, the county clerk. He is a native of Kentucky, where he was raised, and imbibed those solid principles of love of work and sterling integrity which have through life distinguished him. He is an I. O. O. F., and has lived thirty years in Kansas. He formerly was the purchasing agent and bookkeeper of a State institution in Illinois for three years.

J. H. Sticher, County Attorney.—One whose success in the practice of his profession has placed him among the recognized legal lights of this county is J. H. Sticher, county attorney, which position he has held two years. He was born in Germany, and studied law with H. D. Dickson, of Emporia, Kas. Mr. Sticher has lived in Woodson County twenty years, and formerly was at Neosho Falls ten years in the mercantile business. He is master of the Masonic lodge at Yates Center, and high priest of the chapter, Neosho Falls, Kas. All calling on him will find him a genial and courteous gentleman, eminently worthy of professional confidence.

Stephenson & Hogueland, Lawyers.—Of the prominent names which go to make up the Yates Center bar, few command more respect than the above. This happy combination was made in 1889. Mr. G. R. Stephenson was born in Ohio and is an I. O. O. F. He was county attorney of Woodson County four years. Mr. W. E. Hogueland was born in Indiana, and has been practicing law here two years, having been admitted in 1879. He was then elected clerk of the district court, which position he filled for eight years. He is a member of the Northwestern Legion of Honor. The judgment of this firm is considered among the best at the bar. They prosecute their cases with care and assiduity.

Isaac S. Jones, Real Estate and Abstractor of Titles.—The above gentleman, who left his native State—Ohio—when a boy, has been fourteen years engaged in the real estate and abstract business. He buys, sells and rents all descriptions of city and suburban realty, and has special inducements to offer to those contemplating investments. Judge Jones is justice of the peace and police judge. He came here from Indiana and has lived in Kansas twenty years. He is an I. O. O. F. He was formerly fourteen years probate judge of Woodson County, and for eight years register of deeds in connection with

the judgeship. There is no name more justly identified with this section of the State than that of Isaac S. Jones.

A. A. Keck, Sheriff.—Mr. A. A. Keck, sheriff of Woodson County, is serving his second term as such. He is a native of Indiana, and has shown himself in every way cut out for a sheriff, being quick, active and one to whom fear is unknown. He has lived in Kansas twelve years and is a member of the G. A. R., and served in the 27th Ind. Inf. Mr. Keck is well calculated to perform the onerous duties of his office, and no one more deservedly enjoys the entire confidence of the community.

Taylor & Davis, Yates Center Market.—The fact of Yates Center's importance is forcibly demonstrated in every branch of business. Taylor & Davis have been established six years. The premises occupied are 25x65 feet. They are extensive dealers in fresh, salted and smoked meats, which are moderate in price and of best quality, and have gained a wide name for purity and freshness. Messrs. Taylor and Davis were born in England and Wales, and are K.'s of P. They have always held a high position in mercantile circles, and justly deserve the respect they enjoy.

Dr. J. W. Turner, Drugs.—This deservedly prosperous business was established in the fall of 1890, Dr. Turner being successor to H. S. Johnson, who was established twelve years. The premises are 25x70 feet. The stock of drugs is fresh and pure, and compounded with care. Besides drugs and chemicals, he carries a fine line of toilet articles, perfumery, fancy soaps, brushes, etc. The Doctor was born in Kentucky. He is a Mason and K. P., and belongs to Northwestern Legion of Honor. He graduated in 1861, from the Cincinnati Medical College, Ohio. He is well known as a cautious, conscientious physician, and one who devotes himself to his work, and in consequence has achieved a fine success in a professional and business way.

Thos. W. Plummer, Real Estate, Insurance, Loans and Abstracts.—This prosperous business was established five years ago, and from the outset has been a growing one. Every description of city and suburban realty is bought, sold or rented, while a general collection business is done. Mr. Plummer also represents four of the leading and most reliable fire insurance companies in the Union, the record of which is the pride of the insurance world. Also does an extensive loan and abstract business. Mr. Plummer has lived seventeen years in the county, and formerly farmed. He is a K. P. and G. A. R., having served in the 6th Wis. Inf. He is highly respected in trade circles, and his success is doubtless owing to his untiring energy, enterprise and thorough knowledge of the business.

H. C. Rollins, Real Estate and Loan Agent.—The demand for loans and the large real estate interests of this city, have enlisted the services of many responsible and enterprising business men. Mr. H. C. Rollins has been established three years and is known as the heaviest

loan-broker in Woodson County. Also he is a real estate dealer, abstractor of titles and notary public, having lands in Greenwood, Wilson and Woodson Counties for sale or trade. Farms, wild land and city property bought and sold on commission. Merchandise of all kinds and city property to trade for land. Parties having real estate to trade or sell will do well to leave their business in his hands. All business of this kind will receive prompt attention. Money loaned on farms and Yates Center property at the lowest rate offered in the county. Call and get terms. Office over National Bank. Mr. Rollins is from Kentucky, and has lived in Kansas since fall of 1881. He formerly farmed in Kentucky for twenty-one years. He conducts a large enterprise in real estate and negotiating loans on bonds and mortgages. He is a recognized authority as to the present and prospective values of the residential and business sections of the city, and numbers among his customers many of our prominent investors and property-owners.

Chas. E. Van Voorhis, Jeweler and Watchmaker.—A review devoted to the business interests of this city and section of Kansas would be very incomplete without due mention of the house whose card forms the caption of this sketch. Mr. Van Voorhis was established April, 1890. Everything in the way of fine watches, jewelry and silverware is constantly kept in stock. He keeps an expert assistant. Mr. V. was born in Iowa. He is thoroughly conversant with the details of the business, having had five years' experience and study.

W. P. Dickerson, Clerk District Court.—An official who, in his administration, has given perfect satisfaction to the representatives of all parties, is the present incumbent, who is serving his first term. Mr. Dickerson was born in Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F. and K. P. He has lived twenty years in Kansas, formerly at Toronto, Kas. He taught school with success for seven years. Mr. Dickerson is generally considered a live and progressive citizen, and a bulwark of our standing, prosperity and happiness.

The Yates Center "News," Trueblood & Stephenson, Proprietors.—One of Eastern Kansas's most flourishing journals; is a credit to its enterprising proprietors, and a benefit in every way to the town. It was established in 1877, and has always been staunchly Republican in principle. It has a circulation of 1,000 weekly. R. H. Trueblood, the business manager, is a native of Indiana, a typical, successful newspaper man, and has had the paper since February, 1881. In his job office he makes a specialty of fine letter-press printing.

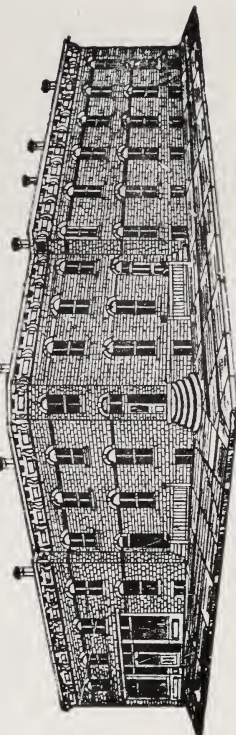
F. R. Wachtman, Harness and Saddles.—The City of Yates Center possesses a meritorious harness and saddle establishment in that of F. R. Wachtman's, founded five years. The premises are 25x50 feet. Mr. Wachtman is an extensive manufacturer of harness and saddles, and also keeps constantly on hand a large line of same. He was born in Germany, and has been in the United States twenty-five years. He is a Mason. He possesses the confidence and good will of the people of Yates Center.

J. L. Funston, Yates Center Marble Works.—The above well-known marble works were established in 1886. He deals largely in foreign and domestic marble, monumental work being a specialty. Two hands are employed. Mr. Funston was born in Ohio. He is an Ancient Odd Fellow. He served gallantly during the war in the 94th Ill. Inf. He is esteemed in social and business circles, and is too well and favorably known to need further comment at our hands.

Johnson Bros., Furniture and Undertaking Goods.—Among the foremost establishments in its branch of trade should be mentioned Johnson Bros., started in 1879. The premises are well-ordered, 25x70 feet. They deal in furniture, undertakers' goods, wall paper, window shades, etc. The stock of furniture embraces the finest designs and most fashionable styles. Everything pertaining to modern undertaking is executed. Johnson Bros. are natives of Sweden, and are A. O. U. W.'s. They are thoroughly skilled in their dual profession, and fully deserve the success achieved.

M. S. Bacon, Druggist.—This drug store had been managed by the above gentleman's father for twelve years previous to the time he took possession, two years ago. The premises are 25x70 feet. The stock of drugs, chemicals, proprietary medicines, fancy and toilet articles, are of the best quality. Mr. Bacon was born in Minnesota, and belongs to the S. of V. He is an energetic young man, a worthy representative of Yates Center.

Hotel Woodson.—This pleasantly-located hotel has been under the present management for one year. It is a substantial stone structure, two stories and basement, having twenty-one apartments. The dining-hall seats sixty persons. Commercial travel a specialty, for whom there are sample rooms. Mrs. Anna Thompson, the proprietress, was born in Illinois and came here from Texas, having had six years' experience in the business. She has proven herself the model hotel proprietress.



BURLINGTON.

THE act incorporating the Burlington Town Company was approved February 20, 1857. The senior incorporator was a native of Burlington, Vt., and after him the town was named. The first house on the town site was a combination of two small houses, procured at Hampden, and made into one for a provision store for James Jones, the first merchant. The second building was a log house, and third, the Burlington Hotel. Later, Dr. Samuel Howe, the Boston philanthropist, located a Wyandotte "float" of 640 acres, adjoining the town. The original town site was 320 acres. The first steam saw-mill in the county was started in the spring of 1857. The same year a bridge across the river was constructed; this was carried away in 1859 by a freshet.

During the war Burlington was at a standstill, a large portion of the voting population being in the Union army, and no new settlers came into the county. In May, 1863, the county seat was removed to Hampden. This was a dark day for the town, but whenever her people returned from the war they set to work to retrieve lost ground. A woolen carding-mill was erected, and succeeded in developing into a splendid woolen-mill, a cotton-gin being later added. Cotton-growing was attracting some attention in

the county at that time. In 1869 the Excelsior Water-Mills were built, and in 1873 the magnificent school house, at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars.

In 1866 Burlington again became the county seat of Coffey County, and has so ever remained. The city has now a population of some twenty-six hundred; has every line of business represented, all church denominations and secret societies. It is what one would term a solid, sure and settled community, without any boom craze, but slowly and surely improving as the years roll on.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BURLINGTON.

Wm. H. Rudrauff, Real Estate and Loan Broker.—The demand for real estate and loans has caused the enlistment in this line of the energies and talent of the best business men. Mr. Wm. H. Rudrauff was established March 1, 1890, and has a specially fine list of lands for sale. Best rates on farm loans. He possesses unusual advantages, and can offer inducements

to investors in city or suburban property, suitable for homes, business or manufacturing sites. He possesses a complete set of abstracts. Mr. Rudrauff was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F.'s. He was formerly four years register of deeds of Coffey County. He served during the war in the 82d Pa. Inf.

E. F. Morton, Cigar Manufacturer.—There are some establishments in this city whose steady career and extensive transactions make them

bar the following year. He is prominently identified with the K.'s of P. He is among the highest minds at this bar, and has ever been voted a decided acquisition, in a legal and social sense, to Burlington.

Squire M. Lane, Post Master.—This enterprising gentleman is a native of Indiana, and has been the painstaking post master since September, 1889, filling the post conscientiously and satisfactorily to the public and the Government. He received his education in Coffey County, and



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, BURLINGTON.

landmarks in the history of the past and prime factors in the prosperity of the present. Mr. E. F. Morton's cigar factory was established in 1886. The premises occupied are 18x70 feet in extent. He employs seven hands. His celebrated specialties are "Sweet Briar," "Little Champion" and "Fattie's Choice." Mr. Morton is a native of Minnesota, and is a Mason and K. of P. He has lived in Coffey County thirty-three years. He is a gentleman of sterling qualities, and thoroughly deserves the large business he has had from the time he embarked in it.

G. E. Manchester, Attorney at Law.—This gentleman is one of the leading and most influential at the bar of this city, and gives strength to the fraternity. He was born in Caledonia County, Vermont, and has been practicing here thirteen years. He studied law with Walter P. Smith, now probate judge, St. Johnsbury, Vt. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont, in 1876, being admitted to the Kansas

was formerly for six years assistant post master; also deputy register of deeds for three years. He is a K. P., and is ably assisted in the office by his wife, Ida M. Lane, who was born in Douglas County, Kansas. Mr. Lane is a gentleman of tact and judgment, and stands high in the community.

J. H. C. Holmes & Co., Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents.—This enterprising firm dates back eight years ago, when its senior partner, Mr. J. H. C. Holmes, started by himself in the business. They do a large and prosperous business in real estate, loans and insurance, in all of which they have good offers to make. They represent three fire insurance companies: the Kansas Farmers'; Burlington, of Iowa, and the Standard, of Kansas City. Mr. Holmes has lived in Kansas twenty years, and is an I. O. O. F. and an A. O. U. W. Mr. J. W. Ball, his partner, was born in Indiana, and is an I. O. O. F. and a member of the G. A. R. He served in the 19th

Ind. Light Art. They are recognized authorities as to the present and prospective values of real estate, and number among their customers many of our prominent investors and property-owners.

E. Ross Gregg, Crayon Artist and Photographer.—The well-known photographer of Burlington and this section of Kansas was established two years ago. He has always enjoyed an enviable reputation. No studio is more eligibly located, while its appliances and outfit are in keeping with its location. He makes a specialty of crayon portraits, which are not excelled for expression and effect. Mr. Gregg was born in Douglas County, Kansas. He employs three hands, and also has another gallery in the central portion of the city. Mr. Gregg is justly considered to be among the foremost in this artistic profession, and in every way merits the patronage of our many readers, to whom it is a pleasure to recommend him.

Mrs. C. R. Haight, Hardware, Etc.—A representative mercantile house of this city is that of Mrs. C. R. Haight. She is the successor to and administratrix of J. R. Haight, who was the successor to W. E. Hall & Co., established in 1870. She deals in hardware, stoves, farm implements, etc.; barb wire a specialty. The premises comprise three large buildings, each 20x80 feet in extent, brick and stone. Four salesmen are employed. The manager, Mr. Guy I. Watt, has been with the firm since 1876. He was born and raised in Michigan, and is identified with the Masonic order. He has managed the business on principles so broad, liberal and straightforward, as to have secured for himself and the house a consideration as well merited as it is rarely acquired.

The Pacific Express Company, and Wells, Fargo & Co.—Mr. George B. Dent, the enterprising manager of the Pacific Express, and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express Companies, is a native of West Virginia, where also he received his education. He has had six years' experience in the business. The facilities which both the express companies he represents offer to the public are of an unusually complete character, whereby promptness and safety are guaranteed. Mr. Dent is identified with the M. W. A., and the success he is achieving is the best evidence that his efforts are appreciated by the public.

J. A. Mosher, Watches and Jewelry.—This popular watch and jewelry house has been established ten years, and has received liberal and substantial patronage. It contains a complete assortment of beautiful wares, including gold and silver watches, clocks, novelties in jewelry, silverware, diamonds, etc. Eyes tested with trial lenses, and glasses properly fitted. Repairing a specialty. Mr. Mosher was born in New York, and is a K. of P. He has been engaged in the business all his life; is energetic and capable, and thoroughly understands it.

Coffey County Co-Operative Association, Dealers in General Merchandise, Corner Third and Miami Streets.—This well known association was started March 29, 1890. The capital stock is \$50,000. The premises are

20x80 feet, with an adjoining store room of same size. Five hands are employed. They deal in general merchandise; the large and well-selected stock is first-class, moderate in price, and of good quality. Mr. Fred N. Smith, manager; was born in Germany, and has lived ten years in Burlington. He formerly was buyer at Frank Hoffman's (formerly Sanders & Hoffman) for six years, previous to which he was for three years and a half at W. J. Wilson's, previous to which he lived in Wisconsin twenty-seven years. He is a K. of P., and belongs to the Northwestern Legion of Honor. Mr. Smith has been the architect of his own fortune, and is a business man of whom any community would feel proud.

W. C. Sears, Druggist.—The importance of the drug trade as a factor in commercial prosperity can scarcely be overestimated. Mr. Sears has been eighteen years successfully engaged in the business, thirteen of these in Burlington. The store he occupies is 40x50 feet, with a 20-foot oil-room at the rear. This double drug store is one of the prettiest-arranged and best-appointed in the West, and to be appreciated should be seen. Two clerks are employed. The stock comprises a complete assortment of drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines, wall paper, paints, oils, school books, perfumery, etc., enabling him to supply readily and at fair prices anything for which there is a public demand. Mr. Sears was born in Massachusetts, and is a skillful druggist and accomplished gentleman.

L. H. Scott, Sheriff of Coffey County.—Mr. L. H. Scott, the enterprising sheriff of Coffey County, is a native of Indiana, having held that important office since January 1, 1889. He was formerly well known for two years here as city marshal, and also as express agent for two years of the Wells-Fargo and American Express Companies. He is an I. O. O. F. and an A. O. U. W., and belongs to the G. A. R., having fought in the Civil War in the 10th Ind. Inf. Mr. Scott is one of the most efficient men Coffey County has ever had, and is cut out for a sheriff; active and fearless, and at the same time with an affable manner, he attends to his duties promptly, and is well-assisted by a smart deputy.

C. H. Redmond, Clerk of the District Court, Coffey County.—An official who, in his administration, has given perfect satisfaction, is C. H. Redmond, who was appointed to the office 1st of June, 1890. Mr. Redmond was born in Indiana, and is a member of the K. of P. He is a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar of Kansas in 1888, and studied the profession with his father, Col. Redmond. All that Mr. Redmond performs is characterized by a knowledge of the duties which have devolved upon him, and which have sustained the good opinion the people have of him.

W. H. Bear, Judge of Probate, is a native of Ohio, and serving his fourth year as judge of the probate court of Coffey County. He was admitted to the bar in 1873, having studied with Judge Allison. Judge Bear is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., having served during the late war in the 33rd Mo.

Inf. and in the 11th Mo. Cav. He is justly considered one of the finest judges in this section of the West.

A. Peasley, Insurance.—The history of business life on the American continent has always proven the motto that "A man makes his business." Mr. A. Peasley is the oldest insurance man in the city, having been established twenty-three years. He represents five fire, lightning and tornado insurance companies; one of these, for which he is district agent, being the celebrated German Insurance Company, of Freeport, Ill., which has paid in losses over \$6,000,000, and the assets of which are \$2,500,000. Mr. Peasley was born in Ohio, and is an I. O. O. F. and a K. P. He is thoroughly imbued with the great benefits to be derived from the well-known insurance companies he represents, knowing that they rank among the most reliable and best-managed the world has seen.

J. F. McCormick, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Whips.—Among the prosperous business houses of Burlington, is that of the above. Mr. McCormick was established here June, 1890, although previous to that he was two years in the business at Quenemo, Kas. He learnt his trade in New York. The premises occupied are 20x40 feet in extent. He was born in New Jersey. He has a reputation for ability and sound business principles which has gained him the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

B. L. Kingsbury, Agent Queen Insurance Company.—This gentleman has been known in this community for no less than thirty-two years. Judge Kingsbury is a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar of Kansas ten years ago. He is the Burlington representative of the celebrated Queen Insurance Company, and also a real estate dealer and United States pension claim agent. He was formerly probate judge for eight years and at another period for five years. He was also a member of the State Legislature, and Regent for five years of the Kansas State Agricultural College. Judge Kingsbury was born in Pennsylvania, and is a Mason and K. P. His success in life is a reflex of his well-directed efforts on behalf of this county and State.

The F. E. Pratt Lumber and Grain Company was originally established in 1885, and incorporated in 1887, with a capital of \$40,000. They possess yards and elevators at Burlington and Gridley, Kas., and deal in lumber, grain and coal, six hands being employed at the former place. Mr. Pratt was born in Minnesota, is a Mason and a K. of P. He came here from Olathe, Kas., where for several years he was in the lumber business. He is full of practical knowledge, the company over which he presides being widely known, as it can always be depended upon to give satisfaction in business transactions.

Dr. Thos. J. Henkins, Dentist.—Among those in this State well up in their profession is Dr. Thos. J. Henkins, who has been practicing fourteen years altogether, seven in Burlington. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and studied dentistry with Dr. Frazier, of Missouri. He practices the science in all its branches with invariable success, and has a thorough knowledge of operative dentistry. Dr. Henkins is an I. O. O. F., K. of P., and an active member of the Kansas State Dental Association. He is a universal favorite on account of his genial manner.

The "Nonpareil" was established in 1864, and has a guaranteed circulation of 1,800 per week. The paper is founded on the true Republican rock. A. D. Brown, the editor, was born in New York; is a Mason and G. A. R. man, having served in the 3d and 5th Kas. Inf. He is one of Kansas's pioneer newspaper men, having lived here thirty-three years, and set type in Leavenworth before Kansas City was heard of.

The "Republican" was established in 1859, and is the oldest paper in Coffey County. It is the official paper, the only Republican organ in the county; has a circulation of 1,200. C. O. Smith, the editor, is a native of Michigan, has been twelve years in the printing business, employs three hands, and is well equipped to do all classes of job work.

Hotel National.—Burlington is fortunate in possessing the Hotel National, which was built at a large expense six years ago by the present proprietor. It contains twenty-three pleasant sleeping-apartments, and thirty-three rooms in all. The seating capacity of the dining-hall is fifty persons. The excellent *cuisine* we would draw the special attention of our many readers to, the food being of the best and served in the nicest manner. A specialty is commercial travel, for whom there are five sample-rooms. Mr. J. W. Denslow, the proprietor, was born in New York, where his father for many years was a prominent hotel man. Mr. Denslow is ably-assisted by his family in hotel affairs. He has traveled considerably during his life, and for many years was successfully engaged in the mercantile business in New Zealand and Australia.

Summit Livery Barn and 'Bus Line.—This barn has been established four years. There are twenty head of livery horses, while three hands are employed. It is admirably located, opposite Hotel Anderson. First-class rigs at reasonable rates. Boarding horses a specialty. 'Bus to and from all trains to any part of the city. The commercial trade solicited. Mr. S. B. Briggs, the proprietor, is a native of Massachusetts, and has left no stone unturned to make the business a thorough success. He is an I. O. O. F., and formerly was seven years in mercantile business in Pennsylvania. He enjoys the esteem of many friends through this section.

EMPORIA.

THE unparalleled growth of Kansas in population and material wealth during the past decade has challenged the wonder and admiration of the American people, and the State stands today as the grandest monument of enterprise in the history of the progressive civilization of modern times. The traveler, attracted to its borders by the fascinating story of the phenomenal development of its resources, contemplates, with delightful surprise, the flourishing and handsome towns and cities which dot the lines of the great commercial thoroughfares by which the State is traversed in all directions, and as he gazes upon the busy centers through which he is borne, he pauses to ask by what mighty magic these populous and thrifty municipalities have risen, and by virtue of what alchemy they expand with such rapidity into metropolitan proportions.

Of all towns in Kansas which have thus exhibited a marvelous growth, none have commanded a more generous share of admiration than the beautiful City of Emporia, which has just entered upon a new era of prosperity, induced by the assured construction of two new railroads, and many other improvements of a substantial and valuable character. The beauty of the place has long been a subject of glowing comment. Located on a sunny and slightly stretch of rolling prairie, near the confluence of the Neosho and Cottonwood Rivers, it enjoys the advantages of perfect drainage, and abundant water supply for manufacturing and other purposes, and a situation that cannot be rivaled for purity and healthfulness of climate. It is the natural commercial center for a fruitful and well-settled country, reaching out in all directions for a distance of thirty miles, the nearest town on the east of any considerable size being Topeka, which is sixty miles removed, while Wichita, which is nearly one hundred miles southwest, is the only competitor which it can encounter in that direction. It will thus be seen that there is tributary to Emporia a vast territory, which has been largely subjugated by the tillers of the soil to the uses of commerce and the support of a rapidly-growing population.

In the direction of superior facilities for transportation, Emporia possesses advantages which can be claimed by but few towns in the State. It secured, many years ago, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railway division headquarters for the main line from Kansas City and Atchison via Topeka; of the line from Kansas City via Ottawa; of the line south via Eureka and Howard, and the new southwest line via Arkansas City to Galveston, Texas. In addition to these lines, which are already constructed, other powerful railroad corporations are looking towards Emporia, and it is not too much to assume that this inviting center will be seriously considered in connection with the future plans of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Missouri Pacific.

The recent selection of Emporia by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Company as the feeding and distributing station for the Texas cattle trade will make it the leading live-stock market of the State, and attests its claims as a superior railroad center.

For institutions of learning, Emporia is notably among the cities of Kansas. It is the seat of the State Normal School, which has an enrollment of eleven hundred students, and which is mainly supported by the revenue issuing from the conversion into money of lands by which the institution was endowed by the State. The building, a graceful and imposing structure, stands at the head of the principal business street of the city, and is an object of unfailing interest to strangers visiting the town. It annually sends forth scores of teachers to all sections of Kansas, its agency in elevating the standard of intelligence is recognized on all hands. The school will be enlarged this summer by an additional wing, the cost of which—twenty-five thousand dollars—has been provided by legislative appropriation.

The College of Emporia was erected three years ago, at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. It was established by the Presbyterian Synod of Kansas, and has received liberal aid from the East and other sections. The college is situated about a mile from the city, upon a commanding elevation, which reveals to superlative advantage the striking architectural beauty of the structure.

The course of instruction in the graded schools of Emporia is liberal and progressive, and the useful and practical character of the knowledge imparted cannot be too highly commended.

The entire absence of drinking-saloons in Emporia and the flourishing condition of the churches speak for the high moral tone which pervades the community. The people have built and paid for five handsome church edifices in as many years, and are preparing to extend work in this line. The public press also wields a potent influence in the conservation of public morals.

In all of the appliances which appertain to the comfort of living, Emporia takes advanced rank among the cities of the West which offer special incentives to immigration. Her commodious and well-ordered hotels, her magnificent waterworks system, her street-car lines, her gas and electric lights, her public library, her handsome places of amusement, and her beautiful homes, all impress the visitor with the desirability of the town as a place of residence.

Compared with values in a vast majority of Kansas towns, property in and around Emporia is singularly cheap, and though the place now holds a population of fifteen thousand souls, and possesses all the elements of rapid and substantial growth, the prices of real estate are such as to offer absolutely safe and profitable opportunities for investment.

The improvements in Emporia in the last few

years include the building of the G. A. R. Hall at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars; an addition to the State Normal School, at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars; new waterworks costing one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars; a handsome public drinking-fountain, the gift to the city by Senator Plumb; the Santa Fé Stock Yards, costing fifty thousand dollars; a starch and glucose factory; a packing-house, and a canning-factory. Among the industries now established in Emporia may be mentioned the following:

Two large flouring-mills, two furniture-factories, one iron foundry, one steam laundry, two marble yards, two carriage manufactories, one cracker and cake factory, the gas works, three planing-mills, three cigar manufactories, three large merchant-tailoring establishments, two broom factories, two large harness shops, one candy-factory, one book-bindery, seven job printing-offices and one pop-factory.

Emporia is pre-eminently a city of homes. The people who come to the town are attracted hither, not alone by the advantages which the place offers in a business way, but the delightful social atmosphere of the town exerts an inviting influence that has added largely to the growth of the city. These conditions have been promoted by the acknowledged excellence of the institutions of learning, which are powerful agencies always in refining society and elevating the standard of popular intelligence.

The beauty of her homes, the substantial and imposing character of her business-houses, the handsome churches and excellent schools and colleges, entitle Emporia to the proud distinction she enjoys as the Queen City of the great prairie State.

Lyon County, of which Emporia is the capital city, is in the center of Kansas north and south, and is in the fourth tier of counties west of Missouri. It has an area of 858 square miles, is the sixteenth county in the State in population, and has twenty-eight people to the square mile, making a total of 23,879.

The general surface of the county is beautiful, undulating prairie, unusually free from waste land, and ten per cent of the entire area is rich bottom soil. The timber belts on the streams average one-half mile in width, and oak, hickory, walnut, red and white elm, cottonwood, hackberry, etc., are found in abundance.

Large beds of white and blue limestone underlie the soil in many places, and a number of valuable deposits of fire and potter's clay have been discovered in different parts of the county.

The county is copiously watered by the Neosho and Cottonwood Rivers, and their various tributaries, and beautiful creeks fringed with timber, traverse the prairies in all directions and afford water to the large herds of cattle which subsist upon the nutritious grasses of the extensive ranges.

With the development of the county, a number of flourishing villages have sprung up at different points which are becoming quite important trading places.

There is, in the county, a vast amount of beautiful and productive land which can be purchased at prices which are singularly cheap, and taking into account the excellence of the soil, the nearness of these lands to established markets and

all of the advantages which render them so desirable, it is entirely patent to any intelligent man, who will give the matter proper attention, that the opportunities which Lyon County offers to permanent settlers or to parties seeking safe and profitable investments, cannot be excelled in the State of Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF EMPORIA.

Senator Preston B. Plumb. [Translation from *Columbia*, dated February 19, 1889; by W. R. Jones.]—The Legislature of Kansas, insending Senator Plumb to Washington for the



third time, without even one dissenting vote, has paid him a homage that can but very seldom be had in the history of politics; but a homage which he fully deserves. The road from the "printer's devil" to the Senate of the United States is a long, intricate and laborious one. It is a road along which many have expired, or given up in despair; but the tough and diligent ability, and the pure honesty by which Mr. Plumb has gone forward, show what difficulties such virtues can overcome; and proves also the excellency of the political system that holds such exhortations before worthy men. On a fair course, those who have but "blood," "high birth," or a "dignified standing place in society," cannot compete with those who possess energy and talent. It is not the force of eloquence of a

golden mouth, of a smooth tongue and excellent phrases that has blessed Mr. Plumb. The senator from Emporia has strong comprehensiveness to compact the entangled subjects of politics, and a ripe and correct judgment that are characteristic of him, and which are being worked out by a plain man without fuss and without pomp. He has never forgotten that he is a servant of the people, and he is as assiduous and conscientious in discharging his duties in his high situation, as he ever was in sweeping out an editor's office, or in cleaning the press. He does not care much for majestic appearance, but his simplicity of heart, his thorough and accurate knowledge of all matters and accounts appertaining to the Government, his studiousness and honesty in dealing with them, are in the minds of the people more precious than gold. There are but few in Congress so able as he in these things, and he is the leading man in committees on the chief cases of the Government. Preston B. Plumb was born October 12, 1837, in Delaware County, Ohio. In the year 1856 he came to Kansas. In 1857, on the establishment of the City of Emporia, Plumb—though under age at the time—was made one of the trustees; and at that time he started in that city the first newspaper ever published there, the *Kansas News*. In 1861 he was admitted to the bar. In 1862 he formed a regiment for the army of the Union. He ascended in his military offices up to the end of the war, when he again took hold of his duties as a lawyer. In 1866 he was elected to the Legislature of Kansas, and afterwards, in 1867, when he was made speaker of the House. In 1877 he was sent to the Senate of the United States, and afterwards, in 1883, and now he has been sent there the third time. The history of Plumb is interwoven with the history of Kansas, and with the recent history of the United States.

J. Jay Buck, Lawyer.—There is no name more prominently identified with the growth and welfare of the State of Kansas than that of Buck. Judge Buck was born in New York, and has been practicing law here twenty years. He read law with C. J. Dickinson, of Hillsdale, Mich., being admitted to the bar there on June 8th, 1857. He was formerly well known as judge-advocate on Gen. Rousseau's staff. Judge Buck is past grand master of the Masons, the I. O. O. F.'s, and past grand commander of the K. T.'s. He also belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 32nd Wis. Inf., and as captain in the 101st Wis. Inf. He is president of the Emporia Savings Bank. To all who know him, Judge Buck is a gentleman of the finest character and high standing, and one who always takes a lively interest in the affairs of city, county and State, of whatever nature, and who is always ready to further any worthy method for their advancement and prosperity.

Citizens' Bank of Emporia.—The prosperity of banking concerns of any city is indicative of an era of commercial progress. The City of Emporia should feel proud of her banking institutions, and among the largest, not only here but in the State of Kansas, we mention the Citizens' Bank of Emporia, which has a paid-up capital of \$100,000, and which has been organized five years. A highly-flourishing general bank-

ing business is done. Mr. Wm. Jay and the other officers of the bank are from Michigan. He has lived here twenty years, and has been mayor of Emporia, and has successfully carried on large and varied business interests, and is noted for his liberal giving. Mr. T. J. Acheson, vice president, and Mr. D. W. Eastman, cashier, have been with the bank since its organization; the latter is a commander of the G. A. R., having served in the late war in the "Merrill Horse;" has been mayor of Emporia and county treasurer. These gentlemen's names in commercial circles are regarded as synonymous with the sterling principles of financial integrity, enterprise and executive ability.

E. A. Beecher & Co., Hatters and Furnishers, 507 Commercial.—The name of Beecher is synonymous, in Emporia, with fine furnishing goods. The firm was established in 1885. The handsome premises are brick, two stories, 24x100 feet. The stock is one of the largest and most complete in the West, and contains the leading makes of hats, fancy and plain shirts, collars, cuffs, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, gloves, silk umbrellas, elegant smoking-coats, flannel jackets, dining-gowns and such like useful habit for indoor wear. Mr. Beecher has made a close study of his business, and his high credit and standing in the trade, causes manufacturers and importers to send him samples of everything as it comes out. A specialty is ladies' and men's fine shoes. Including hands at the Emporia Steam Laundry, (the finest in the city, of which Mr. Beecher is proprietor,) he employs twelve. Mr. Beecher was born in Indiana. His judgment and good taste are reflected in the elegance of his stock and tone of his establishment.

B. Wheldon, Druggist.—A representative mercantile house of this city is that of Mr. B. Wheldon, established thirteen years. The premises occupied are 25x70 feet in extent, and are admirably arranged for a fine display of the stock, which consists of a large and complete assortment of pure and fresh drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, paints, oils, window glass, and druggists' sundries of all kinds, which are guaranteed to be of the best quality, and to be bought at fair prices. Mr. Wheldon having been in the business all his life, is most thoroughly skilled in the accurate and careful compounding of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes. He was born in Ohio, and is a K. of P. Formerly was in the business at Urbana, Ill. He is a man of business capacity, and has become identified with the most prominent and respected business men.

Emporia Investment Company.—The importance of Emporia as the metropolis of this section of the West, has created an active demand for real estate advantageously located in the city and suburbs, while investors best secure here, accurate information as to mineral and timber lands, and lowest prices for same. The Emporia Investment Company was established in December, 1886, being the successor to Holmes & Holden, and Emporia Loan and Trust Company. They have substantial inducements in real estate to offer, and unlimited quantities of money to

loan on farms, unimproved land and city property. Carefully-selected real estate mortgage securities, bearing seven and eight per cent interest, always on hand, for sale. Interest remitted promptly when due, net to lender. Not a dollar lost during a loaning experience of twelve years. The officers, Otis D. Swan, president; Jas. D. Holden, vice president and treasurer; J. J. Robertson, secretary, are gentlemen of ability, experience and integrity, and have carried through to a successful issue, many important

sary railroad fare beyond that limit refunded by the president of the faculty, on presentation of receipts of agents from whom the tickets are purchased. About 150 students received mileage last year. The building commands a magnificent view of Emporia and surrounding country. It has all improvements of modern times. The number of pupils attending for 1889-90 (male and female) was 1,120; eighty-two counties of this State being represented in 1890. The outline of instructions is as comprehensive



STATE NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING, EMPORIA.

transactions. The collection of rents and care of estates for non-residents are also branches of their business.

The State Normal School.—This educational establishment has justly become celebrated as one of the best institutions of the West. It was founded as far back as 1865. The purposes of the school are best set forth in the act of the Legislature entitled "An act to establish, locate and endow a State Normal School:" "That there be and is hereby established and permanently located at the Town of Emporia, Lyon County, a State Normal School, the exclusive purposes of which shall be the instruction of persons, both male and female, in the art of teaching, and in all the various branches that pertain to a good common-school education, and in the mechanic arts, and in the arts of husbandry and agricultural chemistry, and in the fundamental laws of the United States, and in what regards the rights and duties of citizens," etc. The incidental fee is \$5 per term of twenty weeks, payable in advance. Tuition is free to all regular students; to others, \$8 per term. During the last year no fees are charged those who subscribe to the following declaration:

"I hereby solemnly declare, that my chief purpose in attending the State Normal School is to fit myself for teaching in the schools of Kansas; and I pledge myself to report to the president of the school, semi-annually, where I am and what I am doing, for three years after graduating at said institution."

All normal students living outside of a radius of one hundred miles from Emporia, have neces-

as that of the best colleges. This establishment has the largest attendance of any school west of the Mississippi River. It has a splendid library, reading-room (supplied with the best dailies, weeklies and monthlies,) and possesses numerous literary societies; lectures and prize contest and numerous first-class entertainments are enjoyed with the opening of each year. The value of buildings, libraries, apparatus and endowment is nearly \$400,000. The school enters upon its second quarter century with an increase of nearly two hundred students over any previous year. The faculty is composed of gentlemen and ladies possessing the finest intellectual powers. Parties desirous of further information should write to Albert R. Taylor, Ph. D., president, a native of Illinois, and a graduate of Lincoln University, Illinois; one, who, from the very first, has been generally appreciated as a man of accomplishments and of business attainments.

Lumber and Coal, J. S. Watson & Co., Corner Mechanics Street and Sixth Avenue.—The flourishing firm of J. S. Watson & Co. was established in 1876. A profitable business in all kinds of lumber and coal is done; also in sash, doors, blinds, lime, sand, plaster, cement, hair, anthracite, Blossburg, McAlester, Osage City shaft and Pittsburg coals. They enjoy direct transportation facilities, and can quote prices for all kinds of hard and soft lumber that cannot be duplicated. J. S. Watson & Co. are recognized authorities in this branch of trade, and have ever retained the confidence of leading

commercial circles, developing upon a strictly legitimate basis of supply and demand one of the most extensive lumber and coal interests in the West.

Emporia Cash Grocery, Martin & Martin.—The popular grocery firm of Martin & Martin, well known as the Emporia Cash Grocery, under the Whitley Opera House, was established two years ago, and no mercantile establishment appeals more strongly to public patronage. The handsome store is 46x80 feet in extent. A large and well-selected stock of the choicest staple and fancy groceries, and everything pertaining to a first-class grocery store, is kept. All their goods have the name of being of fine quality and moderate in price. Eight salesmen are employed the year through. Martin and Martin are natives of Canada. By paying close attention to business and the requirements of patrons, they have built up a large and prosperous trade, and won the confidence of the entire community.

Hornbarger Bros., Wholesale and Retail Flour and Feed, 610 and 612 Merchant Street.—Among the best known and most prosperous mercantile establishments on this busy thoroughfare, will be found that of Hornbarger Bros. They do an immense wholesale and retail flour and feed business throughout Kansas, and are justly regarded as leading representatives of the trade. The spacious store is 50x80 feet in dimensions, and is furnished with every improved facility and convenience of use in the successful conduct of the business. The stock of supplies carried is always heavy and complete, embracing nineteen of the finest Kansas brands—the product of nine different mills. Their celebrated leaders are “Hornbarger I,” “II” and “III.” Hornbarger Bros. were born in the State of Pennsylvania, and have been in the business all their lives—one of them for as many as thirty-five years. They have achieved an enviable reputation for honorable methods and sterling integrity, and are public spirited, energetic business men.

Mrs. S. P. Chase, Director Western Conservatory of Music, 418 Commercial Street.—The celebrated Western Conservatory of Music has proved an important acquisition to this community and section of the country from the inception of the enterprise. The teachers, four in number, hail from the best musical establishments. The pupils range from 200 to 300 per annum. All things pertaining to things musical (brass instruments excepted) are taught with consummate skill, namely: piano, organ, thorough bass, harmony, theory, stringed instruments, guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin, etc. Mrs. S. P. Chase, the director, is a native of Vermont. She is an acknowledged expert in all matters musical. She studied one year at the Musical Seminary, Connecticut, and graduated in 1865 from the Boston Conservatory where she was four years. She has lived in Emporia eighteen years, and is an enterprising member of the W. R. C. Under such efficient management, it is no wonder the career of the Conservatory has been brilliant. The facilities the establishment possesses for successfully conducting affairs are of

an unusually complete character, enabling them to offer advantages difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate elsewhere.

I. E. Lambert, Post Master.—One of the leading citizens of Emporia is the well-known gentleman who forms the immediate subject of our sketch. Mr. Lambert has been post master since November, 1889. This office is one of the largest in the West, which will be quickly perceived when we mention that thirteen employees are required. Mr. Lambert is a native of Peoria, Ill., is in the very prime of life, and is one of Kansas's youngest, but at the same time, most enterprising capitalists. He is the owner of a magnificent cattle ranch of 640 acres near town. By profession, Mr. Lambert is a lawyer, having studied under Robert Ingersoll, and graduated from the law department of the New York College. In this State he is regarded as one of her very finest advocates in a criminal defense. In fact, he is said to have acquitted as many guilty persons as any lawyer at the bar. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and one who is ever foremost for Emporia's advancement.

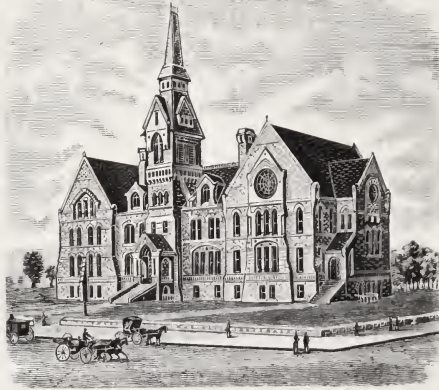
First National Bank.—Few banks have maintained so prominent a position in the confidence of the community in which they are located, as the First National of Emporia, organized in 1870. The capital stock paid in is \$100,000; surplus, \$100,000. The patrons of the institution include the most prominent capitalists and business men of this vicinity. The officers are from Ohio, and are men long prominent in commercial circles. H. C. Cross, president, an attorney by profession, at the present time is receiver of the M. K. & T. R. R. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R. Mr. Wm. Martindale, vice president, is a large stock-dealer. Mr. C. S. Cross, cashier, son of the president, has held this important position with the bank since 1883. Under the efficient management of these officers, the First National bank is an institution of which every citizen is justly proud, and in the possession of which Emporia is to be congratulated.

G. W. Newman & Co., Dry Goods, Etc., 513 and 515 Commercial Street.—This ably-conducted store was established in 1869, and has succeeded, owing to the choice variety and high grade of the goods carried, and the moderate prices at which they are sold. The spacious and well-appointed premises are brick, two stories, 50x135 feet. Twenty-five hands are required to meet the demands of the numerous customers. The matchless stock is divided into the following departments: Dry goods, carpets, cloaks, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps. Everything is done here as in the Eastern cities, all goods and cash being conducted by patent carrier to the main office, where goods are inspected and returned in package to the purchaser. Mr. G. W. Newman was born in Maine, also his partner, Mr. Lakin, the former being a Mason. This house is an example of what time devoted to industry can accomplish.

D. A. Stahl, Treasurer Lyon County.—Among the names which have acquired prominence on the wings of Emporia's prosperity, is that of D. A. Stahl. He was born in Pennsylva-

nia, and is serving his second term as county treasurer. He is one of Kansas's oldest residents, having lived in the State since 1867, and was formerly deputy county treasurer for eighteen years, previous to which he was a merchant at Americus, Kas. He is a Free Mason and a member of the G. A. R., having served in the 49th Pa. Vols. Mr. Stahl is justly considered one of the most trustworthy men that handle county finances.

College of Emporia.—This establishment was founded October 9, 1882, by the Pres-



byterian Synod of Kansas. The charter declares that the purpose of the founders was "to found an institution for instruction in literature, science and art, according to the highest standard of education." It is the cherished hope of the trustees and friends of this college, that a goodly number of its students will be lead to choose for their life work the gospel ministry. Young men who are prayerfully looking forward to that sacred office may therefore be assured of a most cordial welcome to this institution. And while the want of endowed scholarships may debar us from making definite pledges to worthy but indigent young men, we still assure those who are struggling to equip themselves thoroughly for the work of the ministry, that every reasonable aid will be given by this college. The exterior of the massive and stately new college edifice was completed more than two years ago. A large part of the interior also, is completed, and has been occupied by the college classes. It meets fully every expectation of trustees and friends. The board of trustees have named it "Stuart Hall," as a perpetual memorial of Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, of New York City, whose handsome gift of \$10,000 assisted so materially in prosecuting the work of building. As the above cut indicates, it is a structure of unsurpassed architectural dignity and beauty. Standing on a commanding eminence, it is the first object to meet the eye from whichever direction you approach the city, and it overlooks the valleys of the Cottonwood and Neosho for many miles. Its dimensions are 180 feet in length by 70 in breadth—the beautiful tower over the main entrance rising to a height of 140 feet. The building is heated throughout by steam. The class-rooms are large, well lighted and ventilated.

Special apartments are provided for laboratory, museum, library and reading-rooms, together with two spacious halls for the literary societies. Among the attractive features of this noble building, the beautiful and commodious gothic chapel is perhaps, pre-eminent. Religious culture and biblical instruction are special features of the college, every fitting opportunity being embraced to set forth the life of the Great Teacher as the perfect model after which all lives should be patterned. The aim of the college authorities is two-fold, viz., the development of the highest type of character and the most exact and thorough scholarship. By action of the board of trustees, THE TUITION IN THIS COLLEGE IS FREE. The only charge whatever is a nominal incidental fee of *ten dollars*. This fee, however, is required of all on entrance, and no part of it is returned, unless the student should withdraw within the first two weeks after entrance. Good boarding may be obtained in private families at from \$3 to \$4 per week, including fuel and lights. This amount may, however, be materially lessened where parties wish to rent rooms and board in clubs. By strict economy on the part of the student the entire expense of boarding, tuition and necessary text-books need not exceed \$150 per year. But where better accommodations are required the above estimate will be correspondingly increased. The collegiate course embraces Greek, Latin, mathematics and astronomy, natural science, English, German, French, history and political science; irregular courses; art, music, piano course, vocal music. The number of pupils enrolled last year was 155. Each department is ably superintended by a learned professor or lady teacher. For further information, parties should write to the Rev. John F. Hendy, D. D., president, a graduate of Center College and Princeton Seminary, and a gentleman justly known throughout this section of the West as a great educator.

J. G. Traylor, the popular clerk of the district court, is a native of Indiana. He has lived in Lyon County nineteen years, having formerly farmed for seven years. He is serving his fifth term as clerk. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 22nd Ind. Inf., the regiment of which Jefferson Davis was first colonel. Mr. Traylor has ever filled his office with great satisfaction to the public and the officary.

C. W. Wilhite, County Clerk, has ably filled this office since 13th of January, 1890. He was born in Indiana. He formerly farmed in Lyon County, and has lived here since 1857. He is a pleasant, sympathetic and genial gentleman, and has always proven himself an aid to Emporia's standing and prosperity.

Dr. Robert Lyon, Office at Hotel Whitley.—As a leading exponent of the medical profession, Dr. Robert Lyon is worthy of mention in a review of our foremost professional men. His office is eligibly located in the Hotel Whitley. Dr. Lyon has justly become celebrated for the

great and unfailing success with which he has treated all chronic and lingering diseases. He makes a specialty of spermatorrhea in all its various forms. He has been practicing in Emporia for six years—forty-three years altogether. The Doctor was born in South America, and studied the profession with Professor De Graff, of Amsterdam, Holland, and graduated from the University of Amsterdam, Holland. His reception, operating and consulting rooms are handsomely equipped with everything needed for the comfort of patrons, and he has obtained a liberal share of public favor, the best proof of his skill and care.

Emporia National Bank.—In reviewing the commercial resources and facilities of any city, a position of first prominence should be accorded its banks as the medium of exchange and general arbiter in trade transactions. The Emporia National Bank was first established as a private banking house in 1867, and organized as a national bank in 1872. Capital, \$100,000; surplus, \$100,000. The bank building is an ornate structure, while the general appointment of the premises embraces all the modern adjuncts of convenience, safety and elegance. The president and vice president, Messrs. Calvin Hood and W. T. Soden, are from Michigan and New York, respectively. Mr. L. T. Heritage, the cashier, is a native of New Jersey, and came West in 1857, and has been with the bank since it started in 1867. J. M. Steele, assistant cashier, is from Ohio. These gentlemen are much esteemed, and in their business and social relations are regarded as an honor and credit to the city.

Ellen Plumb, Books and Stationery.—A representative house of this city, in its line, is that of Miss Ellen Plumb, which is well known as the "City Book Store," established in the year 1870. The store is 19x90 feet in extent, and is systematically arranged, while the well-selected stock, which consists of everything in the book and stationery line, is advantageously displayed. Wall-paper, curtains, pictures and toys are also carried. Three hands are employed. Miss Plumb is a native of Ohio and sister of Senator Plumb. She is ever to the front for the city's welfare. By capable management she has reared an eminently prosperous enterprise.

J. Q. Haynes, Agent, First National Bank of Emporia, Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.—No better proof of the advancement of Emporia within the last ten years can be shown, than the dimensions which the hardware trade has acquired. Mr. J. Q. Haynes has been agent of the First National Bank of Emporia, in this store, since 1st February, 1890, but has been engaged in the business for eight years in the city. The well-appointed and spacious brick store is two stories in height, 20x100 feet, besides a warehouse in the rear, 25x130. Four hands are required. The stock of hardware, stoves and tinware, agricultural implements, wagons and buggies is not surpassed in Kansas. Mr. Haynes was born in

Iowa, and is a Mason. He has proved himself eminently fitted for his position.

S. B. Riggs, Real Estate Agent and Broker, Southeast Corner of Commercial Street and Fourth Avenue.—A review of the industries, etc., of Kansas, would be incomplete which failed to give due importance to the gentleman whose card forms the caption of this sketch. Mr. S. B. Riggs was established in 1878, and does a large business as a real estate agent and broker. Taxes paid for non-residents. All descriptions of city and suburban realty is bought, sold and rented, and a general collection business is done. Mr. Riggs possesses a complete set of Lyon County abstract of title books. He is a native of Ohio, and is a K. of H. He was formerly in the banking business here, from 1869 to 1874.

W. C. Hughes, Flour, Feed and Grain, 321 Commercial Street.—This well-stocked store was established in 1886, and from the inception the business has been brisk. The premises are 25x130 feet, and conveniently arranged. Mr. Hughes does a lucrative trade in flour, feed and grain, and employs two hands. He was born in Indiana, and is a K. of P. and an A. O. U. W. Mr. Hughes has been identified ten years with the business in Emporia, and fully deserves the fine reputation his energy and enterprise have achieved.

Hotel Whitley.—The Hotel Whitley, of many years' establishment, is celebrated throughout the entire Western country on account of its strictly first-class and many valuable appurtenances. It is a handsome, three-storied structure, fitted up in the most complete manner with all modern improvements, and lighted with electric lights and gas. There are eighty sleeping-apartments, furnished in the best manner. The table all through the year is laden with substantial and delicacies. The parlors are superbly furnished and carpeted. Luxurious bathrooms and barber shop in connection with the hotel. The finest sample rooms for commercial men. Col. H. C. Whitley, the proprietor, is a native of Ohio, and is also owner of the "Fifth Avenue" Hotel of this city, and of much town property, including a large interest in the opera house. He is a Mason, and belongs to the Loyal Legion and the G. A. R., having served during the late war in the 7th La. Inf. The Colonel formerly lived in Boston, Mass., where for many years he was well known as chief of the secret police. His fine business abilities cannot but maintain the already high reputation of the house, constantly on the up-grade.

L. M. Flint, Milliner, No. 13 West Sixth Avenue.—When woman attracts the courteous homage of man, the neatness of her attire exerts no small portion of the influence, and no part of her dress better sets off the elegance of her apparel than the hat and its trimmings. A house dealing exclusively in millinery is that of Mrs. L. M. Flint, well known for her broad ideas and comprehensive knowledge. She has been established thirty-five years in the business, (six of these in Emporia, the former in Indiana and Eureka, Kas.) and during this long career has never known the meaning of the word "failure." The well-appointed store is 21x85 feet in extent;

eight highly-skilled hands are employed. The stock contains all goods usually found in a first-class millinery house. Mrs. Flint was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is an active and enterprising member of the W. R. C. and the W. C. T. U. This lady has met with more than ordinary good fortune, derived from the possession of the two great elements of assured success—ample means and ample experience.

Brooks & Lyon, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries.—One of the most popular purchasing centers in Emporia is the grocery house of Brooks & Lyon, No. 524 Commercial Street. They have been established four and a half years, being the successors to White & Brooks, who were established six years ago. The store is brick, two stories, 19x100 feet. They handle a full line of foreign and domestic food products, teas, coffees, etc., of the best quality. They supply a heavy trade. They employ two hands. Messrs. Brooks & Lyon were born in Vermont, the former being a Mason. By handling only goods of the best quality, they have won a liberal and permanent patronage.

D. C. McMurtrie, Stoves, Etc., 512 Commercial Street.—Among the old-established mercantile enterprises of this city, we mention with a special degree of pleasure that of Mr. D. C. McMurtrie. He was established in 1869. The premises occupied are 25x60 feet in extent, two stories, stone. Mr. McMurtrie constantly has on hand a full and complete assortment of cooking and heating stoves, gas and gasoline, tinware, gas fixtures, pumps of all kinds. Gas, water and steam pipes put in in the best manner. Roofing, guttering, and all kinds of repairs attended to promptly. He employs two experienced hands. Mr. McMurtrie was born in Middletown, Pa., and is an A. O. U. W., and a K. of H., and a G. A. R., having served in the 72d Ill. Inf.

Emporia Business College.—In enumerating the various successful enterprises in this prosperous city, we note the Emporia Business College, established in 1881, and reorganized in 1890. This is the institute of penmanship and shorthand, "thoroughness" being the motto. One hundred and fifty pupils were enrolled last year. The business course embraces the entire science of accounts, a prominent feature of which is the *actual business department*, in which are carried on the different branches of business, viz.: wholesale, retail, shipping, commission, banking, etc., and it alone is worth many times more than all the book-keeping gathered from State or public schools. Shorthand: they thoroughly and quickly fit students for practical work in the system of all systems—Electric—no failures in it. Telegraphy is a specialty. The college's *penmanship* speaks for itself, when seen. Plain writing is free to students of every course. For further particulars address the principal and proprietor, C. E. D. Parker, who has lived in Kansas thirty years. He has had eight years' experience in his present profession, for which he received an elaborate training at Quincy, Ill.

Mrs. V. A. Hurst, Fine Millinery and Embroidery Materials, No. 9 West Sixth Ave-

nue.—A representative establishment in Emporia is that of Mrs. V. A. Hurst. She is the successor to Mrs. Kidder, who was established twenty years, the oldest house of the kind in Emporia. The store is 30x50 feet in extent, and is fitted up with modern improvements. Five skilled hands are employed in the prosecution of the prosperous business. Mrs. Hurst has lived thirty years in Kansas, and came to the State from Missouri, when quite young. She is an active member of the W. R. C. Her establishment has rapidly grown in popularity; the politeness of the force of assistants is proverbial, while system and order prevails throughout.

Emporia Water Mills, W. T. Soden & Son, Flour.—Among the industries of Emporia which deserve mention in our work, we notice particularly the Emporia Water Mills, admirably located on the Cottonwood River. These mills were established in 1860, and have always maintained a high reputation. The building is three stories, stone, and fitted up with the best machinery and appliances. They employ five hands, and are manufacturers of and dealers in the choicest family flour, by the full roller process. The capacity is 100 barrels a day, of which they ship thousands of barrels to all parts of Kansas and the neighboring States. Mr. W. T. Soden is from New York. He has been identified with the business since 1857, and is vice president of the Emporia National Bank. His son is a native of Emporia. He travels for the house, and is the efficient bookkeeper at the mills. They are well known and respected, and their long experience and general reputation entitle them to be regarded as one of the representative firms of Kansas.

Ed. S. Waterbury, Attorney at Law.—Of the many prominent names which go to make up the strength of the Emporia bar, few command more respect, esteem and confidence than the above. Mr. Ed. S. Waterbury has been practicing in Emporia eighteen years. He is a native of New York, having studied the profession with Campbell & Carpenter, of Illinois. He makes a specialty of bonds, mortgages and land titles. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served his country in the 11th and 69th Ill. Inf.

Jones & Lakin, Merchant Tailors, 517 Commercial Street.—A prosperous business is that carried on by Jones & Lakin. They were established in 1874, as G. P. Jones & Co. The premises occupied at the above desirable location are two stories high, 24x90 feet in extent. They employ fifteen to twenty tailors. They also carry an extensive line of ready-made clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps. Mr. Jones was born in Wales, and is a Mason. Mr. Lakin was born in Ohio, and is also a Mason. He was formerly county clerk here six years. They are thorough and capable business men, whose well-deserved success has been gained by close attention to the wants of their patrons.

Joseph F. Culver, Real Estate Dealer, 21 West Fifth Avenue.—One of the most influential real estate men in Emporia is Joseph F. Culver, established three years. The office is eligibly located in the Masonic Temple. A spe-

cialty is made of farms, ranches, and town property, in Kansas, Arizona and Texas, for sale or trade. Judge Culver was born in Pennsylvania, and is an attorney at law by profession. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having been captain of Co. A., 129th Ill. Inf. Mr. J. S. Steadman, salesman, was born in Ohio, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served as lieutenant of Co. K, 16th Wis. Inf. Those who wish to buy any of the above-mentioned properties can not do better than seek the sound judgment and judicious advice of these gentlemen.

Charles Fletcher, Attorney at Law.—This gentleman is one of the leading and most influential at the bar of this city. Born in Vermont, he has practiced his profession with ability in this city since 1879, and having studied law with Sterry & Sedgwick, of Emporia. He is an I. O. O. F., K. of P., Red Man, A. O. U. W., and belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the G. A. R., having served in the 14th Conn. Inf. Mr. Fletcher is justice of the peace and notary public. Thus is he in every way a useful member of the community, and one who commands the confidence of his law brethren.

Kansas Office of the Colonial and United States Mortgage Company (Limited) of Hull, England.—In compiling a business review of this progressive and prosperous city, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded the extensive enterprise conducted under the above heading. They have six offices in America. The specialty of the company is loans, for which they have unlimited quantities of money and unusual advantages to offer. Two clerks are employed. Mr. Wm. Rees, the competent resident manager, is a native of Wales, but has lived in America twenty years. Mr. Howard Hillis, the other manager, is a prominent attorney, residing at Concordia, Kas., but will remove to Emporia in the near future. Under their enlightened guidance, the company is progressing surely and successfully to the front rank among mortgage companies of America.

T. N. Sedgwick, Attorney at Law.—The gentleman whose name stands at the top of this sketch has a large influence for the city's welfare and progress. He was born and raised in Illinois, but has lived here since 1870. Mr. Sedgwick studied law with E. S. Waterbury of this city, and was admitted to the bar in 1873, having practiced here since 1876. He is a Mason and a K. P. He is general attorney for the receivers of the M. K. & T. Railway for Kansas. He has a splendid library, and well-furnished offices, in keeping with his extensive practice.

J. G. Hutchison, Attorney at Law.—As a leading citizen of Emporia in its professional, business and social life, lending eminent strength to her bar, and grace to her society, Mr. J. G. Hutchison commands attention. He was born in the State of Pennsylvania, being a graduate of the University of Michigan, and having been admitted to the bar in the year 1883. Mr. Hutchison has ever shown himself to be admirably adapted to honorably prosecute this most exalted of professions.

E. N. Evans, Attorney at Law.—One of the hard-working members of the bar is Mr. E. N. Evans, a native of Ohio. He studied law with Judge Moore, of Kentucky, and graduated in 1870 B. A. from the literary department of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He has been practicing law in Emporia with eminent success, for seven years. Mr. Evans was admitted to the Kentucky and Kansas bar in 1882, and to the Tennessee bar in 1877. He has always commanded the confidence of the people and the respect of his law brethren. He is a Free Mason.

Cunningham & McCarty, Attorneys at Law.—This firm gives importance to the Emporia bar. Judge Cunningham is a native of



RESIDENCE OF E. W. CUNNINGHAM.

Ohio, and studied law with his brother at Urbana, Ill. He was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1869, since which date he has been practicing in Emporia. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 101st Ohio Inf. He graduated from Hillsdale College, Michigan, in 1866, and received an honorary degree from same college in 1871. W. T. McCarty is a native of Fauquier County, Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in his native State in 1867. He graduated in 1868 from the law department of the University of Mississippi, since which time he has been practicing here. He is a K. P., and served during the war in Capt. Pogue's Art. Bat., C. S. A. These gentlemen have become noted for their pleadings in behalf of clients, and the many cases placed in their hands have received the best care and attention.

Edward Borton, Dealer in Real Estate, 10 East Sixth Avenue.—Among the successful real estate dealers here, Mr. Edward Borton occupies a prominent position. He was established in 1858, and brings to bear exceptional qualifications as regards experience, ability and influential connections. Parties receive prompt attention, whether they apply in person or by letter. Mr. Borton offers for sale much real estate, well located for immediate development. To outside capitalists contemplating investments in this section, we know of no one more qualified to meet public expectations and secure re-

munerative investments. Money to loan and real estate mortgages for sale, are specialties. In city real estate and suburban property, Mr. Borton offers splendid opportunities for investment. He is a native of Ohio, and is an acknowledged leader among the enterprising business men of Emporia.

I. D. Fox & Co., Jewelers.—A firm taking a prominent stand in Emporia is that of I. D. Fox & Co., who have been established ten years. Their name is a household word in this section. The store occupied is two stories, 22x75 feet. They employ two hands, and are experienced jewelers. They keep constantly on hand a complete assortment of diamonds, fine watches, and all articles usually found in a strictly first-class establishment. Mr. H. E. Fox was born in New York, and has lived here twelve years. He formerly was in the dry goods business. He belongs to the K. of H.

C. W. Squires, Architect and Superintendent.—Architecture is the oldest art. The standing of any community as to culture and refinement is plainly announced by the character of its dwellings and public buildings. Mr. C. W. Squires has been established here ten years. He is an architect and superintendent on an extensive scale, and furnishes plans, specifications and estimates on all kinds of buildings, both public and private. He has been in the profession twenty years, and learned the business under Mr. George Bellows, at Columbus, Ohio. He was born in New York, and is a member of the Western Association of Architects. He is a credit in every way to the profession.

Jones & Co., Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Etc., 318 Commercial Street.—This prosperous business was established three years ago, and from its inception has had a substantial and rapid growth. The store is 25x65 feet. Three hands are regularly employed. The stock of merchandise carried embraces a full assortment of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, provisions, etc.; also all kinds of coal. They deal only in goods of the highest grades, and purchasers are guaranteed that supplies from them can be relied upon in every particular. They were born in Wales and Liverpool, and are men whose careers bear evidence of personal worth.

J. H. Burke, M. D., Druggist, has been well and favorably known here in business for six years. His ample premises are 20x50 feet, and are admirably suited for the display of the varied stock. The store and prescription department are equipped with every facility for carrying on the business. One experienced assistant is employed. Dr. Burke is a graduate of the Detroit Medical College, and an active member of the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy. Prompt, reliable and enterprising, he is fully competent to maintain the reputation he has made. The Doctor was formerly two and a half years county health officer, and county physician two years.

J. L. Murray, Groceries, Fresh and Cured Meats, 18 and 20 Neosho Street.—A leading concern of its kind in Emporia is the establishment of J. L. Murray. He has been established two

years by the A. T. & S. F. railroad, and employs three hands. His commodious store is 30x60 feet. He is an extensive dealer in groceries, fresh and cured meats. Mr. Murray was born in Liverpool, England, and was raised in West Virginia, and is an A. O. U. W. He formerly farmed in Lynn County. He is well known by everyone in the city; is genial, and consequently popular.

P. G. Chinn's Notion Store, 503 Commercial Street.—Mr. P. G. Chinn's notion store has been established two years. The store is 20x50 feet, two stories high, and brick. He also sells queensware, glassware, boys' wagons, tinware, and notions of all kinds. His goods are the best, and cheap as the cheapest. Mr. Chinn was born in Missouri, and has lived here ten years. He has those characteristics of energy, promptness and sobriety which ever secure success.

W. R. Irwin, Druggist.—The well-known pharmacy of Mr. W. R. Irwin was established in 1879. The store is 25x75 feet, three stories, brick. The stock comprises a complete assortment of drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines, perfumery, etc. Two hands are required. The prescription department is under his immediate control. He was born in Pennsylvania, and is a Mason and a K. P. He is a skillful and accomplished druggist and an agreeable gentleman, endowed with fine executive ability.

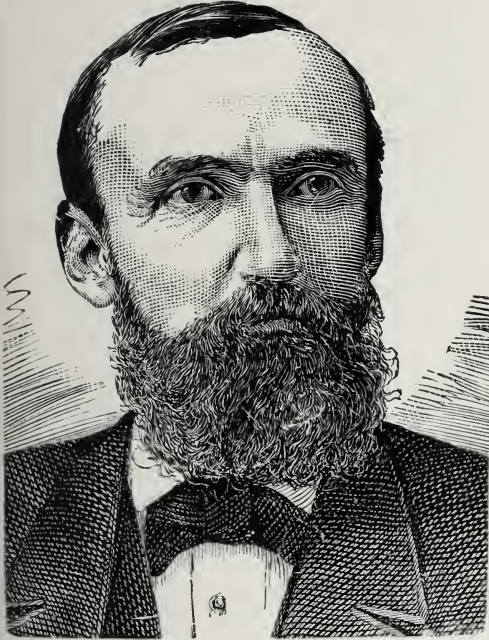
Mart V. Cagney, Job Printer, 608 Commercial Street.—Mr. Mart V. Cagney, the most reliable job printer in this section of the State, has been established two years. He is a native of Massachusetts, and is a printer by trade, having been in the business since a boy of twelve years of age. His well-appointed office is eligibly located, in the heart of the city. Mr. Cagney has lived in Emporia five years, having formerly for three years been most successful as foreman of the *Republican* office of this city. He is a K. of P., and always retains his commercial standing and prosperity, which is his due.

Evans & Thomas, Lumber, Etc.—In the field of industrial enterprise, few establishments in Emporia can lay claim to more general recognition than the firm of Evans & Thomas. They were established in 1885, and employ three hands. They sell lumber, lime, hair, sand, cement, plaster and paint. They bring to bear long practical experience in business, and with such perfected facilities as they possess for carrying on this enterprise, they will soon develop one of the largest trades in this line in the State. Mr. Evans was born in Pennsylvania. He came here from Illinois, having formerly taught school in that State several years. Mr. Thomas resides in Topeka, Kas., but has headquarters for business in North Topeka.

A. L. Zeileis, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Bridles, 612 Commercial Street.—Mr. Zeileis has been established four years, and is an extensive manufacturer of and dealer in harness, saddles, bridles, whips, horse clothing, and turf goods. His store measures 25x60 feet. He employs two experienced hands.

All work is done under his personal supervision, and to those wanting anything in his line he offers the most substantial inducements. Mr. Zeileis was born in Germany, and is a member of the K. of P.

□ **Emporia Medical and Surgical Institute and Eye and Ear Infirmary,** Drs. Doom & Eidson, Physicians and Surgeons in Charge.—The above establishment has justly



DR. EIDSON.

become celebrated, owing to skillful management, and the many radical and easy cures performed by it. Drs. Doom and Eidson, the physicians in charge, are, without exception, two of the most successful physicians and surgeons in America, each having had many years of valuable experience in their specialties. Their institute is a chartered State institution, Dr. Doom being president and chief surgeon, and Dr. Eidson, secretary and treasurer. All who have become acquainted with this most rational, advanced system of the healing art, want no other, and parties should not fail to write to these gentlemen for their interesting medical circular and question list. All chronic, surgical, nervous and blood diseases of either sex most successfully treated by the latest and best remedies and methods. No mercurial or mineral poisons of any kind used, but only safe and mild remedies that do not prevent patients from attending to the natural duties of life. Medical electricity, in any of its improved forms, employed when indicated, including electric medicated and vapor baths. We also have the most elaborate and latest-improved apparatus for the use of the new and successful oxygen and compressed air treatment in the cure of diseases of the head, throat and lungs. Consultation or examination, by mail or in person, free and confi-

dential. No. 10 East Sixth Avenue. Their entire outfit and splendid apparatus cost upwards of \$5,000, while they have their own laboratory for private use. They have also secured, at great expense, the latest-improved electric, medicated and vapor baths, the new static bath, oxygen and compressed air nebulizer, oriental oxygen bath, etc. They are willing to cure all curable diseases. Dr. Doom was born in Indiana, and graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute, Ohio, in 1874. He belongs to the G. A. R., and fought in the 5th Cal. Cav., and is said to be one of the most skillful surgeons in the profession. Dr. Eidson was born in Indiana, and graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, in February, 1868. For many years he was physician and surgeon in charge of the Topeka Medical and Surgical Institute. He was the prime mover in establishing the Kansas Eclectic Medical Association, and for eleven years was its secretary and business manager, in succession. He was also a member of the Kansas State Eclectic Medical Examining Board, and also its secretary and business manager. He is a G. A. R. man, being surgeon of his post, and having served in the 2nd Ind. Cav. He belongs to the Methodist Church, is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and a solid prohibitionist. The Doctor's many friends will recognize him by the accompanying cut. These gentlemen occupy eight pleasantly-located rooms for offices, and in conclusion we should mention that they have the finest "Harvard" operating-chair in the West, which will lock at any angle, and which will not tip over with a weight of 500 pounds. Those afflicted with any disease will do well to write to or go and see them, as they make no charge for examination or consultation, by mail or in person.

John Henning, Packer and Butcher, 614 Commercial Street.—Conspicuous among the old-established business houses which form the basis of the commercial wealth and importance of this prosperous trade center, should be mentioned that of John Henning, who was established in 1875. The premises occupied at 614 Commercial Street are two stories, brick, 25x100 feet in extent, which the proprietor owns, and which are properly equipped. Three hands are required. Mr. Henning was born in New York, and has been engaged in the business a life-time. Formerly he was in the Government service in the Indian Territory for six years.

W. L. Mays, Painter and Paper-Hanger, 516 Commercial Street.—Among the various industrial enterprises in or around Emporia, there are none which are conducted with more ability than that of Mr. W. L. Mays. He has been engaged in the business nine years, and is a thorough expert. His premises are 21x54 feet. He does kalsomining; fine paper-hanging a specialty. He employs eight painters. Mr. Mays was born in Ohio, and is a M. W. A. His motto is, "The best work for the least money." He enjoys the patronage of the best residents of city and country.

F. H. Bowers, Plumbing, Gas and Steam-Fitting, 612 Commercial Street.—This business was established two years ago, and from the very commencement has been prosperous. The

premises occupied are 25x60 feet in extent. One assistant is employed. Mr. F. H. Bowers is an acknowledged expert at everything in the line of plumbing, gas and steam-fitting. He came here from Philadelphia, Pa., and is a Mason and a K. P. His rating in commercial circles is of the most exemplary character, as is the confidence reposed in him by all with whom he has business transactions.

L. G. Wilcox & Co., Groceries, Corner of Seventh Avenue and Commercial Street.—Among the old mercantile enterprises in Emporia, is the firm of L. G. Wilcox & Co., established in April, 1880. They deal in staple and fancy groceries. Their handsome store is 25x90 feet. Housekeepers can here find a complete stock of groceries and everything with which to supply their tables, and at prices which defy competition. In addition to the usual stock of groceries, they also keep many extra table delicacies not usually found in similar establishments. They spare no effort or pains to please their customers, and have met with an unusual degree of success.

Emporia Hotel, 325 Commercial Street.—One of the best \$1 per day hotels in this section is the Emporia Hotel, of which Mr. R. I. Patterson is proprietor. The dining-room seats forty people; six hands are employed. On the upper floor are the sleeping-apartments, eleven in number. Mr. Patterson is a native of Ireland, and has been forty years in America. He formerly farmed many years. He is a K. of P. and a G. A. R., and fought during the late war in the 72d Ill. Inf. Mine host, by able management, has secured a vastly-increasing patronage, and contributes much to the house's desirability as a home for the public.

Mrs. Carl Ballweg, Millinery, Notions, and Fancy Goods, 415 Commercial Street.—Conspicuous among the millinery establishments of this city is that of Mrs. Carl Ballweg, established six years. The premises are 25x50 feet. A large retail business has been done from the day of opening. There is to be found on hand the best-assorted stock of the latest novelties in imported millinery goods; notions and fancy goods are specialties. Seven hands, all skilled, are employed. Mrs. Ballweg was born in Ireland, and learned the business for seven years in Dublin, at Madame Missere's. She is a lady of superior taste, and has shown tact and skill in the management of her enterprise.

Wm. Born, Butcher and Packer, 609 Commercial Street.—The remunerative business of which Mr. Wm. Born is proprietor, was established in 1880. The premises are 30x130 feet, frame, two stories. All products coming from this meat market have justly gained a wide name, owing to purity and freshness, and other qualities which always attend success. Mr. Born is a native of Germany, and came here from Racine, Wis. He is identified with the Masons, and was a soldier during the Prussian War.

H. S. Alexander, City Clerk.—The above, who is serving his third year as city clerk, was born and raised in Vermilion County, Ind., also

partly raised in Danville, Ill. He has lived twenty years in Kansas, and formerly was merchandising. He is an A. O. U. W., a Select Knight, belongs to the National Union and the G. A. R. He served three years in the war in the 125th Ill. Inf., with Sherman. Mr. Alexander fought in no less than fifty-seven battles and skirmishes. He has carried out the functions of the city clerk's office in a very sensible manner.

Garland & Co., Furniture Manufacturers.—This firm was established five years ago, being the successors to Arnold & Co., established ten years. They have the latest and most improved machinery, on the premises. Seven hands are employed. They make all kinds of furniture, including hotel desks, bank and office furniture, and stair work. Turning, sawing and planing. Special attention given to order work. Mr. J. P. Garland is from Maine. By unremitting industry and ability, he has succeeded in establishing a good and lucrative trade.

Wm. Clarke, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in All Kinds of Furniture and Undertaker's Goods, 618 and 620 Commercial Street.—The degree of success which has been achieved since the establishment of this house, warrants the assertion that it fairly bounded into public favor. Mr. Wm. Clarke has been established here thirteen years, and six years formerly in Iowa. His store is 50x130 feet, brick and two stories, with a wareroom 30x40 feet. He carries a superb stock of \$15,000 to \$20,000 of the above-enumerated articles. Four experienced salesmen are required. The liberal patronage received, the largest in the county, demonstrates clearly the popularity of the house. A brisk wholesale business is transacted throughout Kansas. Mr. Clarke was born in Ohio, is an Independent Order of Odd Fellow, and is thoroughly skilled in his dual profession.

Harry & Dynes, Merchant Tailors.—This well known firm, 504 Commercial Street, was established in 1890. The commodious store is 25x90, and is amply equipped for the transaction of the large business. They are merchant tailors, and also gents' furnishers and hatters. They employ ten experienced tailors and two salesmen in the store. Messrs. Harry & Dynes are natives of Illinois and Ohio. Of winning address, from the very outstart they have inspired public confidence, and their establishment is universally conceded to be outmeasured by none.

Scott & Frith, Attorneys at Law.—This firm gives importance to the Emporia bar. Mr. W. W. Scott is from New York, and is identified with the Masonic order. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1870, and has lived in Kansas since 1873. He was formerly a county attorney in Minnesota, and in the State House of Representatives for one term. Mr. J. Harvey Frith was born in Maidstone, England, and has lived in America ten years. He graduated from the Tuner Temple of London, England, in 1874, and was admitted to the Kansas bar in October, 1881. He is a Master Mason. They practice in all State and Federal courts.

James Thomson, Loan Broker, Office, Room 6, Jay's Opera House, Northwest Corner Fifth Avenue and Commercial Street, was established in this business four years ago. Money to any desired amount, is loaned on real estate or personal property, and the fair and equitable terms offered have drawn to the office a large and desirable patronage. Mr. Thomson was born in Scotland, and has lived in America eleven years, eight of these in Emporia. He is a member of the M. W. A.

L. S. Page, Photographer, 522 Commercial Street.—In no art have more improvements been made in recent years than in photography, and the avidity with which these inventions have been utilized by the profession is convincing proof of their spirit of enterprise. Mr. L. S. Page, established in 1875, has lived in the city since 1873. His gallery consists of five rooms, the appliances and apparatus of which are the newest and best, and, indeed, comprise a perfect establishment. He employs two skilled hands. Specialties, large work and children's pictures. Mr. Page was born in Waterville, Maine, and is a K. P. and an A. O. U. W. He served in the war in the 3rd Vt. Inf.

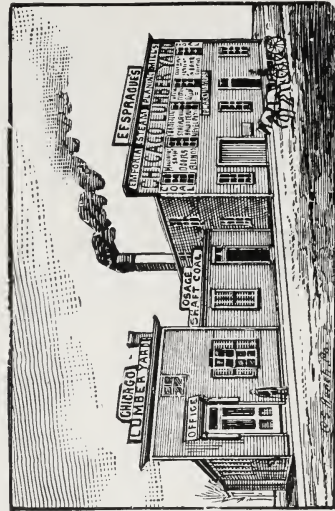
Emporia Hardware Company, Dealers in Hardware and Agricultural Implements, Stoves and Tinware, 417 and 419 Commercial Street.—Twenty-one years of uninterrupted mercantile prosperity mark the career of this well known and popular concern. It was originally started by J. M. Griffith, the present president of the company; organized eight years ago. The premises consist of a two-storied brick structure, 50x110 feet. Six hands are employed. A mammoth stock of all kinds of hardware and agricultural implements, stoves and tinware, is on hand. The trade extends throughout the State. The president, Mr. Griffith, was born in Indiana, and is mayor of Emporia.

James F. Lytle, Agent for Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.—The enterprising agent of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express at Emporia is a native of Illinois. He has been agent here since August 10, 1889. He has three men, three messengers and two wagons under him. The many advantages of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express are of such a well-known character as to render it superfluous to dwell upon them here. Mr. Lytle was formerly messenger five years in Kansas City, Mo., for Wells-Fargo, previous to which he was messenger six years with the "American," in Indiana. By able management he has won a permanent patronage, and enjoys the esteem of business men.

John G. Northington, D. D. S., 10 West Sixth Avenue.—Among the inventions of the nineteenth century, none are of more importance than those that pertain to dentistry. Dr. John G. Northington is a native of the State of Tennessee, and graduated from the Missouri Dental College in 1888. He studied the profession with his brother, S. E. Northington. He commenced practice here three years ago. He employs one experienced assistant at his handsome and commodious offices. The very superior class of his work, his reasonable prices and

genial manner, have made Dr. Northington a universal favorite.

Chicago Lumber Yard and Planing Mill, E. F. Sprague, Proprietor, Carpenter and Builder, 305, 307, 309 and 311 Constitution Street.—The Chicago Lumber Yard and Planing-Mill,



of Col. E. F. Sprague, has been established six years. He is a carpenter and builder on an extensive scale, as well as dealer in lumber, sash, doors and blinds, coal, ice, brick, lime, sand, plastering hair, etc. Twenty hands are required at the office and yard. The planing-mills are equipped with modern machinery. Colonel Sprague, as a builder, has been in Emporia twenty years. He was born in Indiana, and has lived in Kansas since 1865. He is prominently connected with the Masonic order, (being a Shriner.) He belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 13th Ill. Inf. The Colonel is also Judge Advocate General of the State, in the National Guards. He solicits orders from abroad, being confident that in prices he can compete with any mills in the West, and give a superior article.

Flory & Flory, Attorneys at Law.—This successful combination was made three years ago. Col. A. M. Flory was born in Indiana. He has been practicing in Emporia seven years. He studied law with the Hon. D. D. Pratt, of Indiana, graduating from the literary department of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1858, and being admitted to the bar of Indiana in 1861. He is a Mason and G. A. R., having served in the war as lieutenant colonel of the 46th Ind. Inf. His son, A. F. Flory, is also a native of Indiana and a graduate of the Chicago Law School. He was admitted to the bar of Kansas in 1885. With their extended experience and abilities, this firm is a safe and good one.

Mrs. E. A. Moore, Agent for E. Butterick & Co.'s Patterns.—This business dates its inception to the year 1874. Mrs. Moore is a native of Leeds County, Canada, and came to the United

States when a child. The steady growth of her business is due to her prompt policy, and the many facilities afforded her customers, and her prospects in the near future are of the most favorable character.

J. H. Davis, Livery, Feed and Sale Stables, 13 and 15 East Fourth Avenue.—The livery, feed and sale stables of Mr. J. H. Davis were established in 1868. His reliable methods and fair dealings have made the enterprise a pronounced and continuous success. The building occupied is well located. A large number of handsome carriages and buggies are kept for hire, and fine riding and driving-horses, for pleasure or business purposes. Horses are boarded at reasonable rates. Mr. Davis was born in North Carolina, and is an I. O. O. F. and a K. P.

Emporia Daily "Republican."—The *Emporia Daily Republican* was consolidated with the *Evening News* on May 1st, 1889. It is an evening journal, and has a daily circulation of

2,000 and a weekly of 4,000. Twelve hours ahead of all other dailies with telegraphic news and market reports. Twenty-eight hands are required at this office. The steam job-printing and book-binding departments are also complete in every particular. C. V. Eskridge, proprietor, was born in Virginia, and has been nine years in the business here, though he has lived in Emporia since 1857. He was formerly engaged in the mercantile and real estate business, and was Lieutenant Governor of Kansas under Harvey's administration. He is a gentleman highly honored and esteemed by all who come in contact with him, either in business or private life.

The "Columbia" is a weekly newspaper, published in the interest of the Welsh people and their descendants in the United States. It is the only Welsh paper west of New York. It is printed in both Welsh and English. It has been established two years and has a circulation of 4,000 in the United States, Canada and Wales. It is independent as regards politics.

COUNCIL GROVE.

THIS pretty and important point is situated on the main line of the great Missouri Pacific, in the narrow but fertile valley of the Neosho River. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas, a north and south line, also passes through the place.

It is the county seat of Morris County, and has a population of about three thousand. The principal business blocks are of brick or stone, and of good size and appearance.

Another attractive feature of the city is the large residence lots, many of which are nicely sodded to blue-grass, giving a pleasant and home-like effect. Water works, with a fine stand-tower, furnish excellent water to all parts of the city, and afford ample protection against fire. Arc and incandescent lights are other metropolitan features.

Among the principal establishments may be mentioned two flouring-mills, a canning-factory, a creamery, lime works, excellent stone quarries, a foundry, and numerous machine shops—it being a division terminus of the Missouri Pacific. It is one of the oldest cities in the State, having at one time been the jumping-off place into the "Great American Desert," being situated on the old Santa Fé Trail.

It has a good court house, and a jail is in course of erection; good churches and schools, and is one of the most substantial of our cities.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF COUNCIL GROVE.

A. S. Crowley & Co., Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Etc.—This prosperous firm began business two years ago, in the room it now occupies, which is 22x60 feet. They carry a stock varying from \$10,000 to \$16,000, and their sales run up to more than \$50,000 per annum, leading in the aggregate all other houses

of its class in the town. Mr. Crowley, the head of the firm, is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and M. W. A., and is a man of more than ordinary ability. He is a native Kansan, born in Johnson County, but was raised in Missouri. He came back to Kansas twelve years ago. Mr. Best is a native of Pennsylvania, and also conversant with the details of merchandising. Mrs. Ida M. Hamilton, also a member of the firm, lends the valuable qualities characteristic of her sex, which are so seldom found in the business world. She also is a native of Kansas.

Frank Lower, Treasurer of Morris County. There is no truer index of the intelligence of a community than the men we find controlling the public business. Frank Lower received a large majority at the last election of county treasurer. Mr. Lower is a native of Illinois. From there he went to Missouri, and fourteen years ago came to Kansas, locating at Enterprise. Later he conducted a prosperous mercantile business at Skiddy, this county. Eight years ago he came to "The Grove," and has since conducted a grain and coal business on the East Side, having branch offices at seven other stations on the Mo. Pac. and M. K. & T. Railways—bringing all grain via their elevator at Council Grove, for cleaning, inspection, etc. Also buy largely from other dealers throughout the State, in order to supply their large order trade from the Southern and Southeastern States. (He is also interested in the Council Grove White Lime Works, and in the mercantile firm of Matt Robertson & Co.) Mr. Lower belongs to the K. T.'s, M. W. A. and A. O. U. W. He is a valued citizen of Council Grove, and ever awake to her interests.

Gildemeister & Mikels, Meat Markets and Dealers in Stock.—The Central and East Side markets, owned by Gildemeister & Mikels, are two of the profitable industries of Council

Grove. Fresh vegetables for general table use are kept in season. All fresh and salt meats demanded. The markets are convenient places of business, 22x50 feet, one situated near the central part of the city, the other on the east side of the river, both on Main Street. The attention of four men is required in the business. These markets not only furnish excellent supplies for table use, but afford the best market for the products of the surrounding country. They also do quite an extensive business outside of their markets, buying and shipping fat stock of all kinds, and keeping on hands, at all times, stock cattle for feeding purposes. Mr. Gildemeister is a native of Kansas, son of H. W. Gildemeister, one of the oldest business men of this city. Mr. Mikels has been a resident of Kansas four years, having formerly lived in Missouri. He is a Mason, and socially a pleasant gentleman.

Starbuck, M. D.—A skillful and well-read physician and self sacrificing medical practitioner is of great value to a community, and such an one is Dr. Starbuck, whose office is over the Regulator Store. The Doctor is a native of Wabash County, Ind., and graduate of the Bellevue Medical College, New York. He is a member of the United States Examining Board of Surgeons, and of the Golden Belt Medical Association. He has been practicing since 1867, first in Illinois, but coming to this city during the present year, he entered at once into a lucrative business, and was honored with the office of coroner. He makes a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the skin, the eye and ear. The Doctor was a member of the 130th Ind. Vols. three years, during the war. He enjoys a good standing, and has a high rating with the medical fraternity.

A. B. Spencer, Real Estate and Loans.—A. B. Spencer has been actively engaged for the past five years in handling real estate, making loans, and representing the best insurance firms of the East. He occupies the same office as when he began here in 1885; it is on Main Street, in the busy part of the city. His business interests extend over Morris, Chase, Marion, Dickinson, Davis, Wabaunsee, Lyon, and other counties. The annual volume of business transacted amounts to about \$25,000. Mr. Spencer was born in Delaware County, Ind., and removed to Kansas at the close of the war, after a service of twenty-five months in the Union army as first lieutenant Co. I, 11th Mo. Cav. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the Free Masons. At different times he has been a member of the council, served on the city school board, township clerk, and once deputy treasurer of Morris County. In 1890 he was appointed census enumerator for the city.

G. H. Methe, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Confectionery and Cigars.—A native of Germany, Mr. Methe emigrated to America, and coming from Illinois to Kansas eighteen years ago, he located in this city, and by dint of industry and economy, coupled with a desire to please, he has made money, and established a reputation worth more than silver or gold. His business was begun in the Hayes Building, but

in 1880 he removed to his present location on Main Street. His room is 20x50 feet, in which is displayed an elegant line of watches, clocks and jewelry, together with notions, fruits and confections, and a select stock of the choicest brands of cigars. Mr. Methe is a practical watchmaker, and devotes special attention to repairing watches, clocks and jewelry.

Mrs. I. E. Provine, Register of Deeds.—There is no better evidence of the intelligence of Morris County than the fact they have entrusted to a lady the position of register. Mrs. Provine is a native of Illinois, and lived there until after the war, her husband, J. S. Provine, having served his country in the 84th Ill. Inf. They lived for a time in Iowa, and twelve years ago came to Council Grove, which has since been their home until a little over a year ago, when, before he had completed his first term in the register's office, the Cruel Reaper claimed the worthy citizen and husband. His wife was appointed to complete his term, and at its expiration elected to the office. Mrs. Provine is a member of the W. R. C., a pleasant lady and a competent officer.

D. H. Brown, Attorney.—As a leading citizen of Council Grove, in its professional, business and social life, we find Mr. D. H. Brown. Mr. Brown was born in Pennsylvania, educated at the Wayne County Normal School. In 1878 he was admitted to the bar, in Honesdale, Pa. After practicing there he came to Council Grove in March, 1885. Mr. Brown is a member of the M. W. A., and the Morris County Bar Association. He has a large clientage, and is a man whose judgment is considered conscientious and safe.

G. E. Irvin, Clerk of Morris County.—Go where you will you'll find Hoosiers at the front. Mr. Irvin came on this busy stage at Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1865 he came to Fort Scott. In 1868 he went to Oskaloosa, which for six years was his home. Council Grove has since claimed him as a citizen, and Morris County thrice honored him with the position he has ably filled. Mr. Irvin occupied a clerical position in the register's office, and later in the clerk's office, prior to his election. He is a prominent I. O. O. F., and also a K. of P.

Harvey & Dunn, Physicians and Surgeons.—To the intelligent student of the history of the present time, who has a fair knowledge of the developments of science in the past, one of the greatest marvels, and that exciting most admiration, is the advancement made by medical science, *pure and applied*, within the last two or three decades. The practitioner of less than a century ago held to the tenet, that "diseases desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved." But not so with the medical men of our civilization. The doctor of to-day is a refined and cultured gentleman, whose highest prerogative is to alleviate the suffering of their fellows, and who is "himself happiest when communicating happiness to others." Of this class are Drs. Harvey and Dunn, of this city. Dr. Harvey was born and reared in Illinois, and is an alumnus of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Keokuk, Iowa, and of the College of Physicians and Sur-

geons, of Chicago, class of 1869. He first established himself at Brooklyn, Ill., then at Junction City, this State, but in 1885 he located permanently in this city. Dr. Dunn is also a native of Illinois, and a graduate of the Rush Medical College, of Chicago. He came here two and a half years ago and formed this partnership. Both gentlemen are members of the Central Kansas Medical Society, the Golden Belt Medical Association, the State and the American Medical Association. They are the local surgeons for the Missouri

Pacific and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company.

Commercial Hotel, Robert Fleming.—This house furnishes all accommodations usually found at a first-class house, comfortable rooms, good fare, and obliging help. It is centrally located and easily reached by horse-cars. There are thirty guest-chambers, sample-rooms, and eight employes. Mr. F. has been proprietor five years, has many friends and is popular with the traveling public.

ALMA.

ALMA, the shire town of Wabaunsee County, was laid off as far back as 1857, but no attempt was made to build until it was made the county seat in 1866. Two years later, when it was incorporated, it had twenty residents. In 1872 a fine stone court house was built. In 1880 the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé built a branch road across the county, running through the county seat. The census of this year gave Alma 329 inhabitants. The 1890 census gives her 2,100. In May, 1887, the Rock Island reached Alma, and since then the town has increased and gone ahead at a remarkable pace. The discovery of coal was made as far back as 1878, but it is only recently that the anthracite beds have been worked. [See article, Alma Coal Company.] This has given the town quite a boom. There is at present not an empty store, and new ones are being built rapidly. The number of business houses in the last eighteen months has been doubled. The leaders in their lines we note in detail below.

Alma is pleasantly located on Mill Creek, which is formed by the union of three streams in the vicinity. It has thus abundance of pure water for all purposes. Fish of all kinds abound in these streams, which afford the best sport in Kansas for the angler. The town is mostly built out of a fine white magnesia limestone quarried in the county. A cement company has also recently been formed. The working of the salt veins, which was abandoned in 1875 on account of cost of fuel, is being taken up again, now that coal can be secured in the neighborhood. Further, in boring, natural gas has been struck, which is cheaper fuel still.

The Rock Island Railroad has made Alma one of its principal stations. Eight passenger trains each day give direct service with Chicago, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Denver, Wichita, and Southwest Kansas.

This beautiful and rustling little city is surrounded by a no less pretty country of wooded creeks and rolling prairie, well-cultivated farms, vast cattle ranches, pure water, and industrious citizens; so, if you are looking for a new town or country, we say to you, come to Alma.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ALMA.

Alma Coal Mining Company.—The material resources and advantages possessed by Alma and surrounding territory, with its inex-

haustible beds of the finest coal, cannot be surpassed. The Alma Coal Mining Company was incorporated May 15, 1889, under State charter. Prior to its organization, the coal basin had been thoroughly explored by its president, J. F. Limerick, with a diamond core-drill. These explorations were very thoroughly done, and covered a period of three years, at a cost to him of \$30,000. The coals mined are at a depth of 460, 600 and 1,885 feet, the upper veins being soft coal. The lower vein averages six feet in thickness, is hard or anthracite coal. The analysis made by Mr. W. D. Church, chemist for the Rock Island and Santa Fé Railways, shows that it is hard, compact and clear, contains over 92 per cent total carbon, and the ash to be about equal in amount to that found in Pennsylvania anthracite. It is free from sulphur and phosphorous, and superior to any coal heretofore found in Kansas. The nearest anthracite coal is in Pennsylvania, fifteen hundred miles away. The Alma coal field is about four by six miles square, of which the company has control. The company also have a \$35,000 stock of general merchandise, occupying a room 66x126 feet, said to be the largest stock of goods in the State. Six hands are employed in the store.

W. T. Mahan & W. E. Chillson, Loan Brokers, Real Estate and Insurance Agents.—Among those who have contributed to the development of Alma, in real estate matters, is the firm of Mahan & Chillson. They have every facility for the prompt negotiation of loans, representing Kansas Loan and Trust Company, of Topeka, Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Company, of Kansas City, Mo. They buy, sell and exchange farms, ranches and city property. They have the agency for leading insurance companies, Mr. Mahan, the senior member, has been in Alma since 1856, set the first stake of the future town, was county surveyor for six years, and was employed six years on the Government survey of Western Kansas. He has seen the country grow from its first estate to the prosperous condition of the present time. He is a member of the G. A. R., is district deputy grand of I. O. O. F. Mr. Chillson, the other member of the firm, has lived in the city since February, 1889. Correspondence solicited.

James Carroll, Attorney at Law, Land and Loan Agent, was born in Belleville, Canada, March 14th, 1844; removed to Shelby County, Ohio; studied law with Martin & Mc Kercher, a noted firm of Sidney, Ohio; was admitted to the

bar in 1870, and practiced the profession up to six years ago, since which time he has engaged in chattel-loaning, and handling real estate and brokerage business. Mr. Carroll is practicing in the pension department. He has a large practice in that line; having retired from active practice his disposition is to help the boys who wore the blue. He himself was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion.

Hotel Brandt, M. G. Whellan, Proprietor.—The Brandt House is the best hotel in the city. Mr. Whellan is a native of Michigan. The house is a splendid specimen of architecture, stone and two stories high. The house was established in 1887, can accommodate seventy-five people. The *cuisine* is a special feature. The dining-hall will accommodate thirty guests. Traveling salesmen receive special attention, and large sample-rooms are always at their disposal. The service is polite and attentive. Mr. W. possesses that hospitality which characterizes the people of this State. Spent many years of his life on the road for the Diamond Prospecting Company, of Chicago.

Malcolm Nicolson, Attorney at Law.—One of the lawyer princes of Kansas is Malcolm Nicolson, of Alma. A native of Iowa and born in 1860, Mr. Nicolson was admitted to the Alma bar on the 16th of March, 1885. Since that time he has been singularly successful in a multitude of cases involving great interests and requiring great technical skill; needless to say they have yielded him a royal revenue. He is tireless and indomitable, and his oratory is eloquent and magnetic, his graceful and engaging manners make him exceedingly popular.

J. C. Henderson, Register of Deeds, is a native of Ohio, and is one of Alma's leading citizens. He was nominated by a mass convention, and elected in 1885, having since displayed superior ability in the discharge of his duties. His son, and deputy, C. B. Henderson, is well qualified to fill the position. Mr. Henderson also makes abstracting a specialty, having access to the records at all times. He has lived in this place since 1871. He was first lieutenant of Co. G, 14th Ill. Inf., during the late war, and is a member of the G. A. R.

Sellers & Faulds, Hardware, Tinware, Stoves.—The house of Sellers & Faulds is one of the solid establishments of Alma. It is well located, in the center of the city. It is stocked with the best grades of goods in this line; both shelf and heavy hardware offered at low prices. The business is conducted by Mr. Faulds, the junior member of the firm. They carry the celebrated Garland stoves and ranges, and a large

stock of tinware. Mr. Faulds has had twelve years' experience in the hardware business, and is a practical tinner. Persons wanting anything in the line he represents would do well to call on him.

J. F. Pepper, Attorney at Law, was born in Pennsylvania. He read law and was admitted to practice in his native State, June, 1883, and practiced about two years, when he removed West and settled in Alma, since when he has had his share of the practice. As a view of the bar docket will show, Mr. Pepper makes a specialty of civil cases. He is growing into one of the leading attorneys of this section of the State. He has a fine law library, and he is the attorney for the First National Bank of this city.

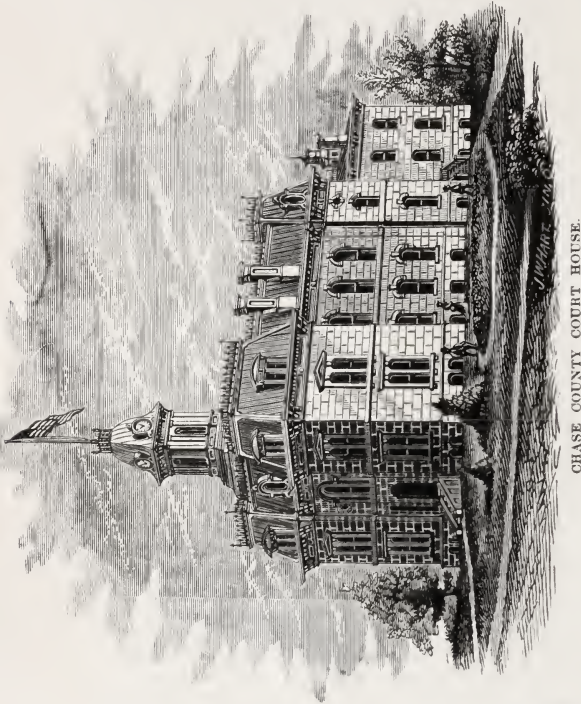
Allen Bros., Dealers in Groceries, Etc.—An enterprising business house on South Missouri Street, is that of Allen Bros., established in 1890. The premises are 30x40 feet. The two brothers conduct the business. They deal in staple and fancy groceries, teas, provisions, etc. They moved their stock of goods from Manhattan, Kas., in May, 1890, and are one of the representative firms of the city, and are having a good trade and have confidence in the future. They also make a specialty of coal oil and gasoline, running a wagon to all parts of the city, day or night.

McAdams & Carter, Harness and Saddles.—These gentlemen removed from Nemaha County, establishing their business in the city in April, 1890. The interesting part of their history is the fact of their learning their trade while slaves in the State of Missouri; both belonged to the same man. In them we see an evidence of what the colored man can be when called on to provide for himself. They occupy a storeroom 18x30 feet. Both are practical workmen. Mr. Carter served three and a half years during the war in the 1st Kas. U. S. colored, was mustered out of service as orderly sergeant.

G. More, Merchant Tailor.—“Dress, like money, often makes the man, the want of it, the fellow,” and he who would pass by G. More's tailoring-establishment without going in and examining his stock of English, French, German and domestic suitings, would do a positive injury to himself, for More's fits, around this section, are proverbial for their adaptability to the form. Under no circumstances will he allow anything to go out of his shop unless perfect in every way. By so doing Mr. Moore holds his trade. His native country is Switzerland. He came to America in 1856. He has worked in some of the largest cities in America.

COTTONWOOD FALLS.

THE Cottonwood Falls Town Company was incorporated by a special act of the Free State Territorial Legislature, at Lawrence, in 1858, and the town was made the temporary county seat,



CHASE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

on the organization of Chase County, in 1859. The town plat was filed by L. D. Hinckley, J. M. Pherson and J. B. Smith, incorporators, on the 29th of January, 1861, the day that Kansas was admitted into the Union as a State. At the general election held in November, 1862, the town was designated the permanent county seat by a vote of 74 out of a total of 102.

Technically, the town was known as North Cottonwood Falls, and its location was the northeast quarter of section 29, township 19, range 8, the southeast quarter of the same section being designated Cottonwood Falls.

In 1872 the entire east half of the section south of the Cottonwood River was incorporated as a city of the third class, under the corporate name of Cottonwood Falls, W. S. Smith being the first mayor.

Since then the growth of the city has been constant, until it has become one the best business points of its size in the State. The city suffered severely by fire three times since its incorporation, the most destructive being on June 29, 1882, when three-fourths of the business houses were wiped out of existence. The burned houses have since been replaced by substantial stone structures.

The finest magnesian limestone in the State is

found in and near the city. The principal quarries are operated by Simmons & Brown, on the town site, and Rettiger Bros. & Co., one and a half miles east. The State House at Topeka, and other large public buildings, were built of stone from these quarries.

The city has the advantage of two railroads, viz.: The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé, from Chicago to Old Mexico and California, and the Chicago, Kansas & Western, to Beatrice, Neb.

A very successful street car line connects Cottonwood Falls with Strong City, one-half mile north, which Poor's Railroad Manual pronounces the best-paying street car line in the State.

The Cottonwood River at this point furnishes excellent water power, which only needs enterprise and capital to develop it, and make Cottonwood Falls a thriving manufacturing city. Business and residence property is easily obtainable at fair prices. The surrounding country is far in advance of the city in development, and consequently the opportunities for investment are excellent.

A strata of clay underlies the city, which experts pronounce a fair quality of fire-clay, well adapted for many purposes.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF COTTONWOOD FALLS.

J. M. Tuttle, Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Etc.—Mr. Tuttle has been eighteen years in his present business, that of running one of the best general stores in the State of Kansas. About seven years ago he was burned out, and the phoenix evolved from the ashes, assumed the shape of a handsome stone building, 22½x90 feet. Here may be found a complete stock of dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, notions and groceries. Mr. Tuttle has the confidence of the people, won by long years of fair and generous dealing. His business requires the attention of three clerks. He was born and raised in Illinois, and served through the war in the 8th Ill. Cav. He has served as county commissioner, is a member of the lodge of Free Masons and a K. of H. Mr. Tuttle is a man of keen judgment, has made himself the wealthiest merchant in Cottonwood by his own energies, is president of the State Exchange Bank, and holds the confidence of the entire population of Chase County, in an eminent degree.

J. W. McWilliams, Real Estate and Loan Broker, Insurance.—If you want to find out anything about Chase County land, "go to McWilliams." So say those who know, and so say we all of us. Col. McWilliams is the great land agent here, and the standard authority on land and farm values in this county. A native of Washington County, Pa., he served four years in the army in the signal service, and in August,

1869, emigrated to Kansas, engaging in locating people on their claims. He has been at the land business ever since, and there is not a weed in the county he does not know. He later added making loans and writing insurance, and turns over the details of the last named to John B. Shipman, who has been ten years in his office. Col. McWilliams is the typical, stalwart, successful Westerner, hailing from Pennsylvania. He was State Representative of Chase in 1871, has been city mayor, street supervisor, etc. He is a Mason, I. O. O. F. and K. P., with ever a pleasant word and interesting remark.

Eureka House, Henry Bonewell.—This, the popular hostelry of Chase County, bears on every hand the appearance of thrift and prosperity. We ought first to go back to the history of the owner to give the traveler a proper idea of the roof he may sojourn under, for everyone knows a host makes his hotel. Mr. Bonewell is a native of England, but was brought to the United States nine years old. When he grew up he adopted the calling of a sailor, and followed the sea all his life till he came to Chase County ten years ago. From 1858 to 1864 he was in the United States navy. Six years ago he built the hotel, and as he saved money, added to it, till he now has an extensive establishment. The main building is two-story, 36x36, with a dining-room addition of similar dimensions. In the rear is his own private coach house, and then the stable, which farmers pronounce the best barn in the county; warm in winter and cool in summer. His whole lot is 66x120. At the low rate of a dollar a day, the house does a large business, providing excellent accommodation for man and beast. The house has seventeen sleeping-rooms, office, parlor, bath-rooms, sample-rooms, etc. Mr. Bonewell has deservedly built up a handsome competency, is genial and social, has five horses for his private use, and in all his transactions is ably assisted by his wife, who has helped him to battle over the difficulties of life.

E. F. Holmes & Co., Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers.—Cottonwood Falls, in E. F. Holmes & Co., has in the clothing line every requisite desired. Messrs. Holmes opened up five years ago, and two years later moved into their present spacious store. This is 24x80 feet, and filled with a \$15,000 stock of as varied an assortment of men's and boys' clothing as will be found in Kansas. Fine boots and shoes are also carried. Messrs. Holmes are the only clothing store in this county, and hold its entire trade, offering such inducements as prevent any Chase County man wanting to go to a larger city to buy suits for himself or his boys. E. F. Holmes and C. M. Gregory, his partner, are both from Michigan. The first was some six years in cattle-raising in Kansas, which he left to follow a mercantile pursuit; the latter was four years in the business in Michigan before he came to Kansas, five years ago. They are active members of the K. of P., and modern in their ideas.

Carson & Sanders, Dry Goods, Shoes, Etc.—A leading and substantial firm of Cottonwood Falls is that of Carson & Sanders. The business dates back to 1885, when D. A. Loose

& Co. started, Mr. Carson being manager. In February, 1889, Carson & Frye succeeded them, and on the 17th of this June last the present firm was formed. Both gentlemen are peculiarly suited to mercantile life. Geo. B. Carson is a Kansan by birth—Jefferson County—and has been thirteen years in dry goods, some time in Missouri. His partners, J. B. and C. M. Sanders, are natives of Ohio, but were brought to Cottonwood Falls when very young. They occupy a store 22½x80 feet, filled with a complete stock, running \$20,000 in value, of staple and fancy dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing, hats and caps; a specialty is ladies' fine shoes. They are experienced and close buyers, discount their bills, and give their many patrons the benefit of low prices. They employ two polite clerks.

E. A. Kinne, Sheriff of Chase County.—Mr. Kinne was born in New York, and gallantly served as corporal in the 44th N. Y., and as first lieutenant of the 99th N. Y. He came to Kansas in 1871, and was soon recognized publicly by being elected to different offices. He has served as justice of the peace of Falls Township, also two terms as clerk of the district court. In 1887 he was elected sheriff, and was re-elected in 1889. He is a typical sheriff, alert and active, affable and engaging in manner, and prepossessing in appearance.

F. P. Cochran, County Attorney.—Among Chase County's citizens who are worthy of mention in these pages, is the man who so ably defends her interests at the bar—Mr. F. P. Cochran. Mr. C. was born and raised in Ohio. During the late war he earned an honorable record in the 15th Ohio Reg't. In 1871 he chose Kansas as the State of his adoption, and Chase County became his home. He was admitted to practice at the bar in Ohio while still a resident of that State. In 1874 Mr. Cochran was elected county attorney for Chase County, and again in 1888. He has filled this position with characteristic devotion to the best interests of the public. He is an energetic K. of P. and of I. O. O. F. A power socially and politically, Mr. Cochran still looks after the legal affairs of the public in the most approved manner.

Wm. H. Holsinger, Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Etc.—In a neat stone building, 25x60, will be found the hardware store of Wm. H. Holsinger. This is a very complete stock, including hardware, stoves, tinware, farm machinery, wind-mills, wood and iron pumps, brass and iron cylinders, pipe, rubber hose and fittings, feed grinders, buggies, wagons, etc. Mr. Holsinger makes a specialty of tin-work, his tin-shop occupies 25x40 feet. His business requires the attention of his brother and three assistants. Mr. Holsinger is a man of superior business ability, and high standing socially. He was born in Wayne County, Ind., and came to Chase County, Kas., when but four years of age. After he reached manhood's estate, Mr. H. became a very successful farmer, living in the county until 1874, at which time he moved to Cottonwood Falls. In 1885 he embarked in the hardware business, and has been exceedingly successful. He is prominently identified with the different lodges, being an active member of

the Masons, I. O. O. F. and K. of P. He has been county commissioner, county surveyor and city mayor. Mr. Holsinger also manages a real estate, loan and insurance business.

J. M. Hamme, M. D.—Chase County has recently received an important addition to her staff of medical practitioners in Dr. J. M. Hamme, who comes to us from the leading medical institution of the country, the university of his native State, Pennsylvania. A native of York County, famed for its educated people, he graduated from Lafayette College in 1886, and then passed three years at Philadelphia, where, besides lectures, he saw a great deal of hospital service, taking his degree in 1889, spending all his vacations in the hospital. He came to Cottonwood Falls last July, and at once gained the people's confidence, and already has a paying practice. His manner, ease and confident knowledge of practice gain him friends on all sides, and his permanency here is assured.

Chase County "Leader," William A. Morgan, Editor.—This paper is red-hot Republican. Its first issue is dated March 4, 1871. It has a circulation of 900. Mr. Morgan was born in Ireland, and came to America five years of age. He was with the 23d Kentucky in all battles the Army of the Cumberland was in, except that at Nashville. He entered as third sergeant, and retired as first lieutenant. In 1874 Mr. Morgan represented his county in the State Legislature. His wife has also received public recognition, and is ex-mayor of the city. Mr. Morgan is G. A. R. post commander, a prominent Mason and M. W. A. He was one of the first to build after the fire of 1884, and his paper is printed in a building 22x60. His type and presses are first-class, and his office is completely equipped, as is the brain of the editor for getting out a first-class paper.

R. L. Ford, Watchmaker and Jeweler.—The Falls is fortunate in the possession of so expert a jeweler as Mr. Ford. He came to Cottonwood five years ago, and has occupied his

present location on Main Street four years. It is 22½x80, and contains a heavy stock of jewelry, watches, silverware and optical goods. Mr. Ford makes a specialty of fine English watches. He also carries a stock of musical instruments, and is sole agent of Chase County for the Wheeler & Wilson and Domestic sewing machines. Mr. Ford is a Mason, I. O. O. F., and K. of P., hailing originally from Chicago.

F. Johnson, M. D., Office, Main Street, Cottonwood Falls.—All professional calls properly attended. Private dispensary, and private diseases carefully treated; extracting teeth a specialty. Also breeder and has for sale, standard colts and fillies from the well known and popular Hambletonian and Morgan trotting families. Always takes pleasure in showing his stock, which is kept close to city. Is a Mason, I. O. O. F., Sir Knight of Maccabees and G. A. R.

Mercer & Lowther, Groceries.—This firm, successors to Smith & Carter, lead in the grocery trade in Cottonwood. They carry a stock of from three to four thousand; have a central location. A long experience has taught them the value of a tasteful arrangement of stock, and fair and courteous treatment of patrons, old and new. Their store is 22½x90, being the south room of the Carter Building, the finest in the city. Mr. Lowther has long resided in Kansas, and was for a time principal in the city schools. He belongs to the Masonic order. Mr. Mercer has only been in this State three years, and is a K. of P. and a valued citizen.

W. C. Giese, General Blacksmithing.—Mr. Giese is a native of Posen, and came to America in 1873, coming soon after to Kansas. He started for himself in 1878, was burned out in the big fire in 1883, and then built the handsome stone structure he now occupies, doing general blacksmithing, horse-shoeing and iron work on wagons. He has made a comfortable competency, and, besides his neat residence and barn, has three good city lots.

EUREKA.

IX traveling from St. Louis to San Francisco the eye falls upon no fairer expanse of land than Greenwood County, the county seat and leading town of which is Eureka. Situated near the geographical center of the county, in the beautiful and fertile Fall River Valley, Eureka has steadily grown and prospered until it has become the home of more than three thousand prosperous and contented people. Eureka is really more than twenty-five years old, but all the material progress and growth of the city has been attained since 1880. The mere village of ten years ago has now become one of the best finished and attractive small cities of the West. This, too, without even having experienced a vestige of the "boom" fever which for a brief period inflated the hopes of so many Kansas

towns. The substantial nature of Eureka's growth is not to be wondered at, having, as she does, a most excellent class of solid business men and citizens. In Eureka there are no factions, strifes nor local jealousies. The soil of the surrounding country is not exceeded in fertility and productiveness by any locality in North America. The climate is lovely and marvelously healthy.

The city is pleasantly situated on a slope, which on the south and west leads down to Fall River, a picturesque stream, which affords motive power for one of the city mills, and water supply for the entire city. On the north and east Eureka gracefully climbs the gentle slope which leads out of the valley and to the rolling and fertile prairie beyond. A magnificent view

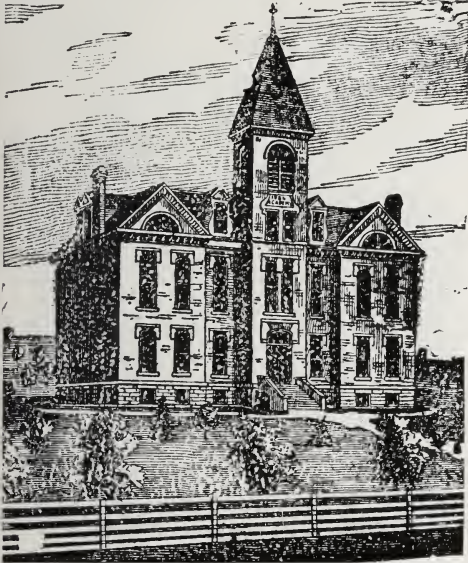
of the city's loveliness may be had from the abrupt bluffs west of the river, or from the high knolls which lie to the north and east.

RAILROADS.

Eureka is situated at the intersection of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and the Fort Scott, Wichita & Western (Missouri Pacific) roads, the two strongest lines in Kansas. Sixteen regular trains pass through the city daily, north, south, east and west, besides special trains, which are required to bring in and take out our large shipments of cattle and grain.

EDUCATIONAL.

Two large and handsome stone buildings, and one commodious frame, furnish accommodations for the one thousand school children who reside



SOUTHERN KANSAS ACADEMY.

here, and a corps of fifteen teachers is employed. The Southern Kansas Academy is a promising educational institution, now four years old, and constantly growing. It has been established under the auspices of the Congregational Churches of Southern Kansas, but is non-sectarian in character. The building, a three-story edifice of brick and stone, costing twenty-one thousand dollars, stands imposingly at the head of Main Street.

CHURCHES.

The following denominations have church edifices and active organizations: Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Christians and Catholics. The Baptists and Episcopalians have church organizations, but no buildings as yet.

OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Greenwood County court house is one of the finest buildings of the kind in the State. It was erected at a cost of forty-five thousand dollars. Other noteworthy structures are Hotel Greenwood, the opera house, the city hall, and five other blocks of two and three-story business

buildings, all built of brick, stone and iron. There are also many fine residences, running in cost from four thousand to twelve thousand dollars each. It is acknowledged that Eureka has more and better sidewalks than any city of similar size in the State. The city is lighted by electricity, the Eureka Electric Lighting Company having recently put in an expensive plant. Twelve arc lights, of two thousand candle-power each, make the principal streets almost as light as day, and all the leading business houses are supplied with the incandescent lights.

An excellent system of water works was built two years since, at a cost of forty-eight thousand dollars, and is owned and operated by the city. The water works have already paid for themselves on one occasion, when fire broke out in one of the principal business blocks, and would undoubtedly have destroyed two hundred thousand dollars' worth of property but for the water works and the efficient fire department.

MANUFACTURING AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The Eureka Roller Mills have a capacity of 125 barrels daily, and the Eureka Water Mills of 100 barrels; the Foundry and Machine Shop, the Eureka Bottling Works, etc.

There are four excellent newspapers and two first-class hotels in the city, which cater to the mental and physical wants of the populace.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF EUREKA.

J. S. Eastwood, Post Master.—In compiling a review of this prosperous city, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded the post master. Mr. Eastwood was born in Illinois. He is an I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., having served in the 48th Ill. Inf. During action at Atlanta, Ga., July 21st, 1864, he lost a limb. He has lived in Kansas since 1874, having formerly been justice of the peace for three years, register of deeds three terms, and member of the board of education four years. He is central committeeman for the third ward, and formerly was treasurer of same for one term, during the last presidential campaign. He is thoroughly conversant with the responsibilities of a post master, and is highly esteemed by the many who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

W. H. Evans, Hardware, Implements, Etc.—The establishment of Mr. W. H. Evans is fitted up with special reference to a proper display of the large and well-selected stock carried. It was founded two years ago by Mr. Evans, who succeeded his father who was established ten years. The store is 27x85 feet, the second floor, (used for furniture chiefly,) of same dimensions. Also two large warehouses, 25x50. Two salesmen are constantly employed. The large and complete stock consists of hardware, stoves, tinware, farming-implements and furniture, bulk field and garden seeds. Mr. Evans was born in Ohio. He is an I. O. O. F., M. W. A. and Mason. He has lived twenty years in Kansas. He is justly esteemed in both social and business circles, and is too well known to need further comment at our hands.

Farmers' and Drovers' Bank.—This bank, formed this year, 1890, is organized under the direction of an able, conscientious and wise



syndicate of some of Kansas's best men. Its capital is \$100,000. Its president, G. H. Haines, has many of the best strong traits which distinguish Ohio's sons. He has been prominent in the banking world of Kansas eight years. W. S. Lambert, the cashier, is a man of brain, broad in his ideas, with few peers as an enterprising and successful capitalist and a prince among men. He is president of the State Bank at Howard, and of the Greenwood County Bank at Severy. S. B. Warren, vice president, is a wealthy citizen of Emporia, a resident of Kansas since 1873. S. J. Haines, secretary, is an old banker, and many years' resident of Kansas. The bank starts out with the prospects of the grandest success. Its references are, First National Bank of New York City, First National Bank of Chicago, Union National Bank of Kansas City.

Eureka Bank.—One of the most substantial and best-conducted private banking houses in the West, undoubtedly, is that known as the



Eureka Bank, established in 1870. Possessing, as it does, a handsome capital and surplus, it can meet any demand which may be made upon

it, while the confidence which is felt in it is clearly demonstrated by the yearly-increasing business transacted. Mr. Edwin Tucker, cashier, was born in Vermont, and has been banking twenty years. He has lived in Kansas thirty-three years. With the resources at its command, and the energy and business capacity of the officers, this bank has a bright future.

First National Bank.—The financial policy of the Government, as seen in the national banking system, is wise, safe and economical. The First National Bank, of Eureka, Kas., has a capital of \$70,000 and surplus of \$14,000. The growth and prosperity of the bank has been *pari passu* with the growth and prosperity of the city. The management is committed to a wise and economic policy, while the mention of the names of the officers is at once a guarantee of safety and solidity. Daniel Bitler, president; J. J. Durkee, vice president; J. C. Nye, cashier; J.



W. Kenner, assistant cashier. Correspondents: Hanover National Bank, New York; American National Bank, Kansas City; Emporia National Bank, Emporia, Kas. To Mr. J. C. Nye, cashier, a native of New York State, the one upon whose shoulders the management of the bank devolves, all praise is deserving, he having organized the bank six years ago. He has shown himself eminently adapted to upbuilding such an institution as the First National Bank, which is a credit to its management, an honor to the city, and yet has a larger and wider field of usefulness.

Johnson Brothers, Law and Loans.—This firm is one of the leading and best known in the State, and gives importance to the Eureka bar. Mr. L. H. Johnson, attorney at law, is a native of Illinois. He studies with Clogston & Fuller, of Kansas, and has practiced with success in Kansas for twelve years. Mr. D. C. Johnson, notary public, also born in Illinois, has resided in Kansas fourteen years. Johnson Brothers are Masons and I. O. O. F.'s. Besides doing a heavy law business they negotiate loans. Collections a specialty. Money to any desired amount is loaned on real estate or personal property, and the fair and equitable terms offered

have drawn to the office a large and most-desirable patronage. Their branch firm is at Yates Center, Kas.—Johnson Bros. & Browning—where they make a specialty of chattel loans, and of which Mr. Browning is resident partner. They occupy three of the handsomest rooms in Eureka, for offices. Customers can rest assured of having their best interests sedulously cared for, and of securing substantial advantages not readily duplicated elsewhere.

A. W. Hart, Dealer in Drugs, Etc.—The establishment of which Mr. A. W. Hart is the enterprising proprietor, is doubtless one of the finest establishments of the kind in the West. The premises are 25x100 feet in extent, being handsome and fitted up with all modern appointments. The stock is advantageously displayed, and embraces a varied assortment of pure drugs and chemicals, fancy and toilet articles, wall-paper, artists' materials, druggists' sundries, and everything usually found in a first-class and reliable drug store. Skillful and efficient assistance is employed, and every endeavor is made to give the utmost satisfaction to patrons. Mr. Hart was born in Ohio, having been West thirteen years. He has had ten years' experience as a druggist, and is a Mason and K. P. He formerly was well known here for two years as county clerk. He has achieved a brilliant mercantile success, and enjoys the esteem of all with whom he has dealings.

H. J. Gremm, German Physician.—Dr. H. J. Gremm, the well-known German physician of Eureka, has been practicing here a year. He was born in Frankfort, Germany; graduated in 1856 from the Eclectic College, Giesen, and in 1857 from the Heidelberg Medical College. He is a K. of P., A. O. U. W., and a Select Friend. The Doctor was surgeon in the German army before embarking for the United States; also during the Civil War of America. He is a genial and generous gentleman, a strong promoter of the welfare of humanity.

Dr. A. F. Higgins, Physician.—There is no name better known among the medical fraternity or public in this section than that of Dr. A. F. Higgins. He is a native of Illinois, and studied his chosen profession with his uncle in Illinois. He graduated in 1884 from the Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago. The Doctor is identified with the K. of P., and has practiced with success in Eureka for six years. He does credit to the profession, and has ever proved himself a substantial benefit to the community at large.

Cutmyer & Bro., Meats.—Our pen-sketches of Eureka's enterprising business concerns would be incomplete without due mention of Cutmyer & Bro. The premises occupied are 25x40 feet. Three hands are required in the store. They deal in fresh and salted meats, game, etc. They do the best business in their line in the city. The members of this staunch firm are practically skilled in every detail of the business engaged in, and are deservedly regarded as the leading representatives in their avocation.

J. H. Smythe, Clerk District Court, is serving his first term. He is a native of Pennsylva-

nia, and is a Mason and K. of P. He also belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 49th Penn. Inf. Mr. Smythe has resided in the State of Kansas eleven years. Since his election to the office he has most happily proven himself to be an official who has given perfect satisfaction to the representatives of all parties.

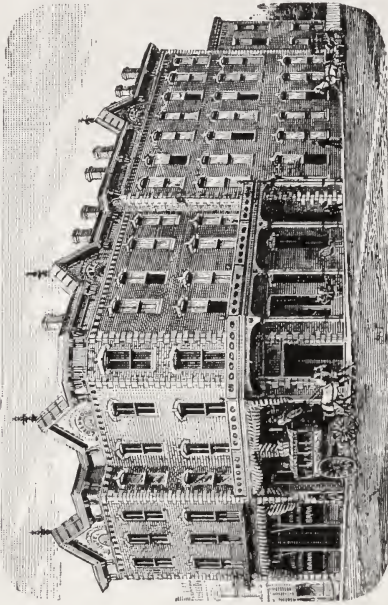
Clogston, Hamilton, Fuller & Cubbison, Attorneys at Law, Husted Building, Kansas City, Kas., Eldorado, Kas., Eureka, Kas. The above combination is one of the most brilliant in the State, and stands in the front rank of the Eureka bar. Judge Clogston, senior partner, is well known as late Supreme Court Commissioner. A. L. L. Hamilton as late judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, who resides at Eldorado, Kas. Mr. D. B. Fuller, the resident partner at Eureka, Kas., was born in Maine. He studied law with E. F. Webb, of Waterville, Me., graduating in 1877 from Bowdoin College. He came to Eureka in 1881, from his native State. He is identified with the I. O. O. F.'s and Masonic order, being grand senior warden of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, A. F. & A. M. Mr. J. K. Cubbison resides at Kansas City. They have a large library, offices and numerous stenographers at Eureka, in keeping with their extensive practice. With their extended experience and abilities, this firm is as safe as it is possible to be, while the many cases placed in their hands receive the best care and attention.

Eureka Foundry and Machine Shops, A. E. Cathers, Proprietor.—The Eureka Foundry has been under the present management since 1890. Four hands are constantly kept busy. They repair engines and boilers, pulleys and shaftings, flange couplings, coal-car wheels and axles, bridge castings, bridge bolts, etc. They manufacture iron store fronts and architectural work. The foundry building is a 40x60 feet, frame, two stories, corrugated-iron exterior. Mr. Cathers was born in Iowa, and came here from Illinois. He is esteemed as a capable, experienced and reliable man.

P. M. Moore & Co., Abstracters and Loan Brokers.—This popular firm, established in 1876, are extensive bonded abstracters and loan brokers. Their facilities for successfully conducting the business are of a complete character, enabling them to offer their numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate elsewhere. Their set of books are complete, having been constructed by an experienced corps of abstracters. The members of the firm, P. M. and C. E. Moore, are qualified by education, judgment and long experience to lead in their particular business.

Commercial Hotel, Geo. Phillips, Proprietor.—The above hotel is one of the best in Kansas, for the moderate charges; transient board, \$1 a day; board by week, \$3.50 to \$4. There are twenty fine bed-rooms, and the dining-room has a seating capacity of twenty-four. Mr. Geo. Phillips, the enterprising proprietor, was born in Illinois. He is thoroughgoing in everything he undertakes, possessing every facility for the successful management of his business.

Hotel Greenwood, Geo. T. Sherman, Proprietor.—This hotel has extended its good name throughout this entire section. There are thirty-six large sleeping-apartments, while the dining-hall will seat seventy persons; commodious sample-rooms, also several billiard tables.



Mr. Sherman, the genial proprietor, was born in Connecticut, and is an old hotel man, having been twelve years in this connection. He is ably seconded by his wife in hotel matters. He is an I. O. O. F., and served in the late war in the 32d Ohio Inf. Before embarking in the hotel business, he was in the mercantile business East and West. In Mr. Sherman we find the model hotel proprietor; a clear-headed business man, good manager, pleasant and courteous to all.

Mrs. E. L. Sullivan, Millinery, Etc.—This well known millinery and fancy goods emporium was started February 15, 1890. The stock carried averages from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The neat and nicely-appointed store is 25x50 feet. Mrs. Sullivan employs from two to five hands the year through. She was born in Iowa, and has been nine years in the business. She is widely known in commercial circles, and justly enjoys the respect and esteem of numerous patrons in this section and city.

Shewalter & Anderson, Hardware, Etc.—Shewalter & Anderson were established January 1, 1890. The premises occupied are 30x100, being spacious and well-suited to the transaction of the heavy business; upstairs department, 60x70 feet. They deal in hardware, furniture and stoves; undertaking is perfected in all its branches. Mr. Shewalter was born in Ohio. He served during the war in the 39th Ind. Inf. and 8th Ind. Cav. Mr. Anderson was born in Illinois. He is a Mason, and was raised in Kansas.

Greenwood County Co-Operative Association, J. L. Todd, Manager.—Among the recent mercantile enterprises of importance in Eureka, we note the above influential association. They are extensive dealers in general merchandise, the complete and large assortment of goods being first-class in all particulars. The spacious store is 22½x100 feet. Three hands are employed. Mr. J. L. Todd, manager, was born in Indiana, and is a Mason and I. O. O. F. He has lived ten years in Kansas. As manager of the association, he has distinctly shown his ability as a capable business man.

The "Democratic Messenger," Morgan & Stillwell, Proprietors, is the liveliest paper in Eureka, and is the only Democratic organ in Greenwood County. It has one of the largest circulations of any weekly in the State—1,350. Messrs. Morgan and Stillwell are good newspaper men, educated and experienced. The first is a native of Benton County, Mo., has been in Kansas ten years, and six as an editor; the latter is a native Kentuckian, and a printer by trade.

HOWARD.

ELK COUNTY is the fourth county from the eastern line of the State, and the second from the south line. It comprises the north half of old Howard County, which was divided by act of the Legislature in 1875, the south half being named Chautauqua and the north half Elk. Elk County is twenty-one miles north and south by thirty-one miles east and west, and contains a great variety of land, the greater portion of which is well adapted to cultivation. The valleys of the Elk, the Caney, Rock Creek, Paw Paw, Wolf Creek, Game Creek, and a dozen or more of smaller streams, are not excelled in richness of soil or productiveness by any land in the State, and the slope lands intervening between these valleys is superior to most prairie lands in the West. The more broken land along the west side of the county, known as the Flint Hills, is excellent grass land, both for pasture

and for mowing, and is considered very valuable by stock men and sheep-raisers. No better-watered county can be found in Kansas elsewhere than Elk County, and it is fast filling up with a thrifty, intelligent and industrious class of citizens, which makes it a very desirable location for homeseekers from the older States.

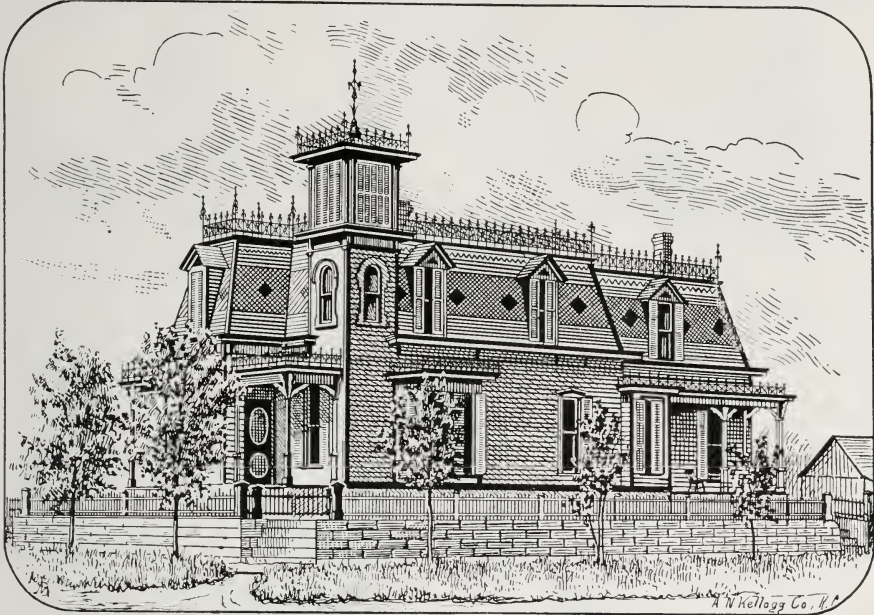
HOWARD.

Howard, the county seat of Elk County, is located very near the geographical center of the county, on a gently-rolling plain, a half of a mile north of Elk River and near the mouth of Rock Creek, and also within a mile of the mouth of Paw Paw Creek. These streams, fringed with fine groves of timber, nearly surround the city, and thus making the location picturesque and lovely in the extreme.

Howard was laid out in 1871, and became the

county seat of Elk County on the division of Howard County in, 1875; was incorporated as a city of the third class in 1878, and now contains about fifteen hundred inhabitants. Howard has never had a "boom," but has always had a steady, healthy growth, keeping well ahead of the surrounding country, and is to-day the best and solidest town of its size anywhere in the West.

He studied at the law school of Louisville, Ky., and afterwards with John Bennett, of Richmond, Ky. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1880. Mr. Ayres also is a native of Kentucky, and studied with Mr. Douthitt, being admitted in October, 1889. He is a member of his college fraternity, Beta Theta Phi. They have an abstracter, and a complete set of abstracts in the office. These gentlemen are among the



RESIDENCE OF J. Q. BURCHFIELD.

WHAT HOWARD HAS.

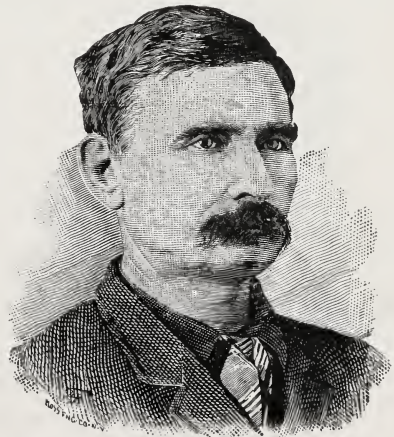
A fine, large, well arranged court house, built of blue limestone, (which is found in inexhaustible quantities almost within the city limits.) A large stone school house, two stories high, containing ten rooms, and amply sufficient to accommodate the five hundred pupils now in attendance. Six fine large churches, (two Methodist, two Presbyterian, one Baptist and one Christian.) Four hotels, (one just completed, costing \$20,000,) three banks, two good newspapers, a fine opera house, and plenty of stores and business houses of all kinds. The business men of Howard all own their homes and places of business, and here to stay.

Another feature of the history of Howard is the fact that she has never had a destructive fire in all history, and rarely a fire of any kind.

ASA THOMPSON.

brightest minds at this bar, and have a large influence for Howard's welfare and progress.

J. Q. Burchfield, Hardware, Implements, Etc.—A careful review of the business interests



REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HOWARD.

Douthitt & Ayres, Attorneys at Law.—This firm, lending eminent strength to the Howard bar, has been formed one year, and is considered a safe and reliable combination. Mr. Douthitt, the senior partner, was born in Kentucky, and has been practicing here since 1881.

of Howard, develops the existence of a class of houses, in every respect prepared to compete, in the several lines they represent, with the rival establishments of other cities. Mr. Burchfield was established in 1877. He deals in heavy and shelf hardware, agricultural implements, wagons,

OFFICERS OF HOWARD STATE BANK.

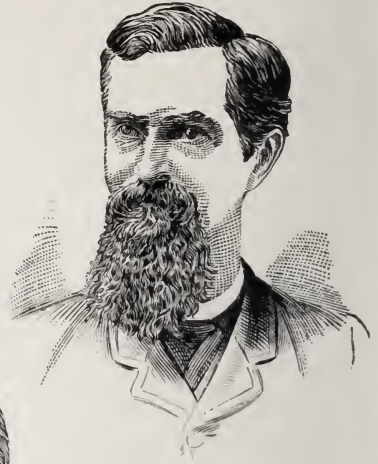
CAPITAL, \$250,000.

ESTABLISHED 1879.

SURPLUS, \$5,000.



G. H. HAINES, Vice President.



S. J. HAINES Cashier.



W. S. LAMBERT,
President.



G. H. THOMPSON, Assistant Cashier.



W. H. BRECKENRIDGE, Second Ass't Cashier.

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF MORTGAGE LOANS FOR NEW ENGLAND SAVINGS BANKS,
TRUST COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS.

buggies, sewing-machines, pianos, organs, etc. The stock is valued at \$20,000, being the largest in Southern Kansas, and filling the entire two floors of the house, which measures 50x150 feet. Five employes are required. Mr. Burchfield came here from Indiana. He is a Mason, and served during the Civil War in the 15th Ind. Inf. He was formerly sheriff of the county three terms, also twice mayor of Howard. Those dealing with him can rely on securing advantages not duplicated elsewhere, with prices suited to the wants of all.

Howard State Bank.—Leading among those institutions which go to make Howard the compeer of any city in this State, is the Howard



State Bank, which was incorporated December, 1886, and established 1879; capital, \$250,000. A highly-prosperous general banking business is transacted. Mr. W. S. Lambert, president, has been well known as a banker here fifteen years, and been ever foremost in furthering the county's welfare. He is universally esteemed and liked, lends of his wealth generously, and has a State and national reputation as an enterprising capitalist and financier, with genius of the highest order. G. H. Haines, vice president, and S. J. Haines, cashier, are natives of Ohio, and have been banking eight years in Kansas. The officers are men well known for their financial ability. References: First National Bank, New York; First National Bank, Chicago; Union National Bank, Kansas City. The management of the bank is done with recognized ability, while all business is conducted on a high plane of commercial honor and rectitude. Such an enterprise tends to advance the interests of Howard in every possible way. They also have a bank at Severy, Kas., known as the Greenwood County Bank.

STATEMENT

of the condition of the Howard State Bank, of Howard, Kas., at the close of business, November 1, 1890:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$207,898 33
Bank building, furniture and fixtures.....	15,102 17
Real estate.....	21,656 51
Cash sight exchange and due from banks.....	31,014 53
Expense.....	11,358 82

\$287,029 86

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$193,200 00
Deposits.....	15,102 13
Surplus.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits.....	22,657 73
Bills payable.....	5,000 00

\$287,029 86

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF ELK, ss.

I, S. J. Haines, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. J. HAINES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of November, 1890.

W. H. BRECKENRIDGE.

Notary Public, Elk County, Kas.

(My commission expires April 1, 1893.)

W. S. LAMBERT.

J. Q. BURCHFIELD.

Elk County Alliance Exchange Company, General Merchandise.—A rapidly-developing and intelligently-conducted enterprise is the Elk County Alliance Exchange Company. The premises, 20x80 feet, are well arranged, every requisite facility being at hand for the advantageous conduct of business. Mr. W. H. Swartwood, the able business manager, is a native of New York, and has been in the mercantile business six years. He is an F. M. B. A. He is a man of fine character, and has proven an excellent manager in every way. This company, as constituted, is a credit alike to its officers and the business community.

A. M. Jackson, Lawyer.—Of the prominent names which go to make up the strength of the Howard bar, few command more respect or confidence than the above. Mr. Jackson came here from Kentucky, his native State, and has been practicing in Howard for eight years. He studied law with Judge Chas. Eaves, of Greenville, Ky., and graduated in 1878 from South Carrollton Male and Female Institute. Mr. Jackson was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has just been elected county attorney. He has gained distinction as strong and clear in argument, inclining, when fitting to forceful oratory. In law and literature he is extensively read, and personally is pleasant, sympathetic and genial.

J. W. Hanson, Register of Deeds.—Mr. J. W. Hanson, the efficient register of deeds of Elk County, was born in Ohio, and has lived here twenty years, having formerly been well known for ten years in the mercantile business in Moline, Kas. He is prominently identified with the Masons and G. A. R., having tendered his services during the late Civil War as a member of the 76th Ill. Inf. Personally he is one of the most popular of our citizens, and is, withal, a bulwark of our standing, prosperity and happiness.

T. A. Dodd, Probate Judge.—Judge Dodd was born in Virginia, and was formerly well known here for eight years as justice of the peace. He is identified with the Masonic order,

and has resided twenty years in Elk County. He has been probate judge three years. His administration has been characterized by carefulness, and a display of a knowledge of the duties which have devolved upon him, which has sustained the good opinion the people have of him.

Windsor Hotel, J. H. Cook, Proprietor.—This ably-conducted hotel is run by Mr. J. H. Cook, who as a hotel man has had eleven years' experience. The house contains thirty pleasant sleeping-apartments, while the capacity of the dining-room is fifty persons. The hotel contains good sample-rooms, while commercial trade is

a specialty. He was born in Michigan, and has lived in Kansas thirty-four years. He is a Mason. The liberal patronage received by him demonstrates clearly the popularity of the house.

The Howard "Courant" is the oldest and largest newspaper in the county, being established February, 1871, and having a circulation of 1,200. It is Republican in politics, and is the official paper of the county. It is published every Friday morning. The proprietors, Thompson & Sons, are enterprising and intelligent men. Asa, the father, is a native of Ohio. Tom E. and Jno. A., his sons, are both natives of Iowa, and practical printers.

GRENOLA.

GRENOLA was laid off in 1878, has a population of seven hundred. It has churches—Methodist, Christian, Baptist and United Brethren; a good school house, opera house, stone buildings and board sidewalks, the Hotel Henrietta, the South Kansas (Santa Fé) R. R. and the Farmers' Bank.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GRENOLA.

Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Company.—Among the mercantile enterprises which contribute to the prosperity of Grenola, this company stands first. Headquarters at Wichita. They are heavy dealers in lumber; also manufacturers of lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors and blinds. Their facilities for successfully conducting the business are complete, in the way of railroads, etc. They have twenty-four yards in Kansas. Mr. John Hunt, the manager at Grenola, is a native of Missouri. He has been ten years here in lumber business, formerly with G. B. Shaw & Co., and afterwards with their successors, the Long-

Bell Lumber Company. He is an I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and served in the war in the 47th Mo. Inf. He is a cautious, conscientious business man, and owing to his fine management, thoroughly enjoys the confidence of the business public.

Yates & Dickie, Hardware, Buggies, Etc.—The above mercantile concern represents the oldest established house in Grenola. The premises occupied are 24x80 feet, being commodious and well suited to the transaction of the large business. They deal in hardware, stoves, tinware, cutlery, wagon woodware, buggies and wagons. Messrs. Yates and Dickie were born in New York and Illinois, and are prominently identified with the Masonic order. They are skilled in the business engaged in, and are deservedly regarded as the leading representatives in their avocation.

Hotel Henrietta.—This excellent hotel is conducted by Mrs. Murphey, who has been fifteen years in this line of business. She is an energetic lady of business tact, and has the entire confidence of the community. Her house has elegant sleeping-apartments, large dining-room, sample-rooms, etc.

THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY IN KANSAS.



The Missouri Pacific Railway is known in the railroad world as the system of consolidation and purchase. It was formed by the consolidation of several small roads and has purchased, constructed and leased many other lines whose projectors were not able to run them on a paying basis, and converted them into substantial property. In this manner, and by the building of many extensions and connections, it has spread itself over these Western States between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, and reaches into all their principal towns. Take the territory of Kansas, for example: In August, 1880, by the purchase of the property of the St. Louis, Kansas & Arizona—seventy miles of road running from Paola to Leroy and Osawatimie to Ottawa—it commenced its operations in this State. In December it acquired a line of the M. K. & T. from Parsons to Junction City; this line it abrogated in 1888. The following year it leased the Central Branch, which runs into all the towns of any importance in the northern part of the State. In February, 1882, it bought the line from Atchison to the Nebraska State line. In January, 1886, it obtained control of the Fort Scott & Wichita Railroad. The traffic of Kansas had been rapidly increasing for a number of years, and been almost exclusively monopolized by the Santa Fé, but by the alliance thus formed the Missouri Pacific got a large share of the traffic. This, although a line of over 300 miles, was but the beginning of the Missouri Pacific Railway in Southern and Central Kansas and Colorado.

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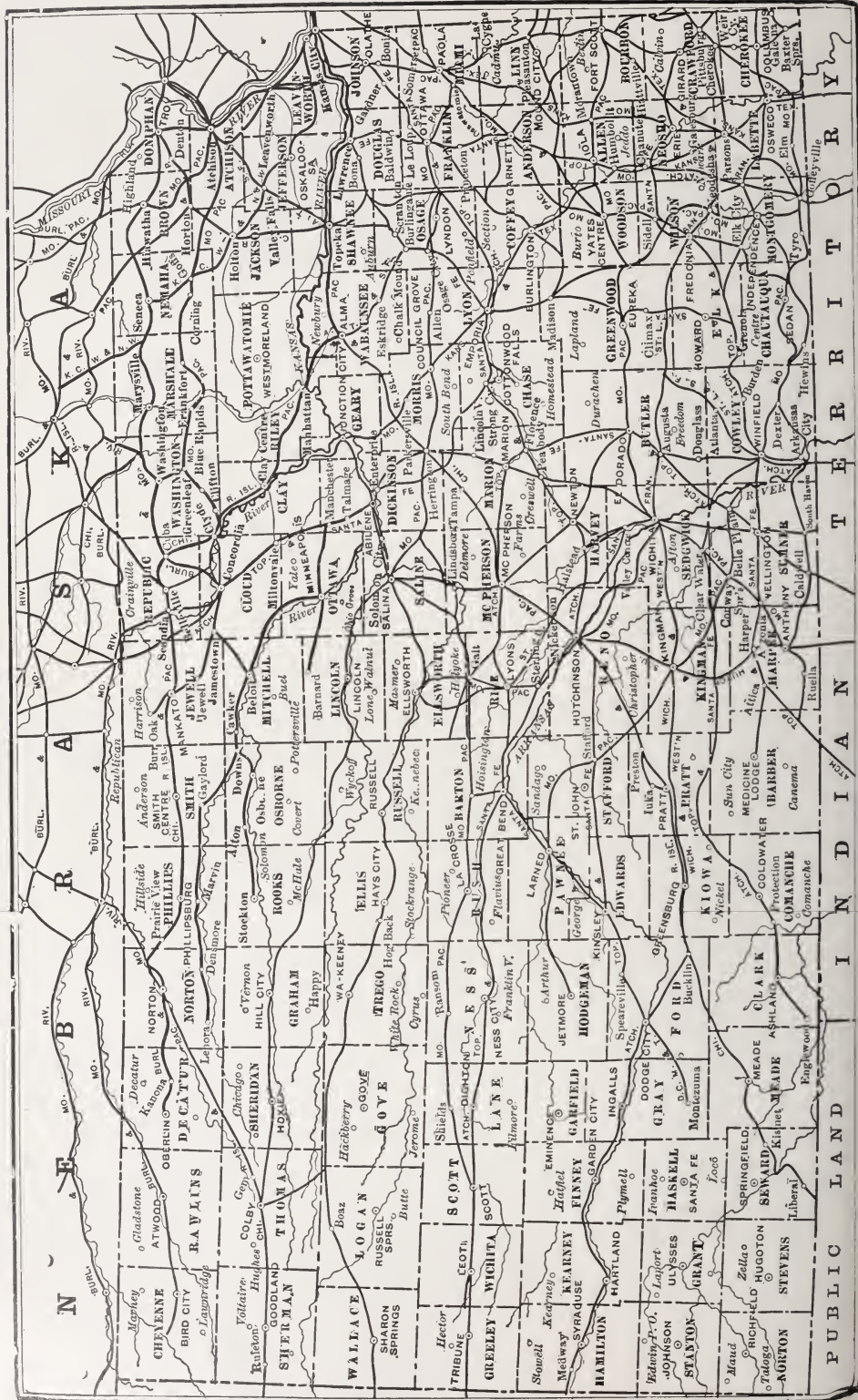
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The general desire of reading people to be informed with regard to the social, mercantile and manufacturing interests of our country, our vast territorial extent, the distance that separates producer and consumer, the impracticability of universal travel, and especially the fact that there is a growing feeling of inquiry throughout the world to-day concerning the wonderful "Central State" of the Union—Kansas—form sufficient reasons for issuing this publication.

Our regular readers in the East and Europe will recognize in our twentieth volume of this kind, the same attention to detail that has been characteristic of former books we have supplied them with.

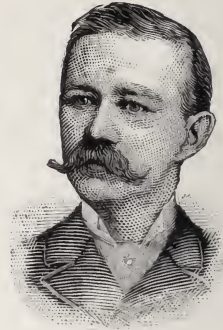
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KANSAS.

*"As the gray and melancholy main is to the sailor;
As the Alps to the mountaineer;
The desert to the Bedouin—
So is Kansas to her children."*

The State of Kansas embraces within its boundaries the geographical center of the United States, near Manhattan, in Riley County, excepting the remote and detached territory of Alaska.

Its early history is not without its romance, for it was on the plains of Kansas that Coronado and his band suffered so many hardships in their search for the country of Quivera and its fabled cities of gold. He crossed the State in a northeasterly direction, reaching the Missouri River near the present site of Atchison. Here the Spaniards, disappointed at not finding treasure, erected a cross bearing the inscription: "Thus far came Francisco De Coronado, general of an expedition"—and returned home to Mexico. They were the first white men to visit Kansas, and their letters describe it then as now, a country rich in fruits, with a heavy black soil similar to the finest regions of Spain.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Kansas was visited and often explored by the French, who mixed freely with the numerous tribes of Indians located along the Arkansas and Kansas Rivers. It became a part of the "Louisiana Purchase" in 1803, and afterwards formed a portion of the Indian Territory. It was organized as a Territory in 1854, and admitted as a State into the Union in January, 1861.

The name Kansas is derived from the name of the dominant tribe of Indians found in the Territory, when first visited by the white men. The word is said to signify, in the language of the Kansas tribe, "Smoky."

Kansas has gone through more trials, in her early life, as a Territory and State, than any other State in the Union. Thirty-six years ago the slave oligarchy ruled the country. Fearing that the birth of new States in the West would rob it of supremacy, the slave power swallowed the Missouri Compromise, which dedicated the Northwest to freedom. The industrious North, aroused and indignant, struck quick and hard, and Kansas, full armed, shouting the war-cry of liberty, and nerved with invincible courage, sprang into the Union. The Territory was the scene of many an exciting conflict between the Abolitionists and the advocates of slavery, John Brown taking an active part against the latter. This enthusiast and martyr, in the cause of freedom, has left his imprint in Kansas, though he was never even a citizen, and when the war finally came on, the State gave voice and potency to the demand for abolition, and aided in burying secession in its grave.

"The war over, she became the patron, as she had been during its continuance the exemplar, of heroism, and a hundred thousand of the Union

soldiers found homes within the shelter of her embracing arms. The agriculturist and the mechanic were charmed by her ample resources, and inspired by her eager enterprise. Education found in her a generous patron, and to literature, art and science she has been a steadfast friend. Her pure atmosphere invigorated all. A desert disfigured the map of the Continent, and she covered it with fields of golden wheat and tasseling corn. She has extended to women the protection of generous laws and of enlarged opportunities for usefulness. In war she was valiant and indomitable, and in peace she has been intelligent, energetic, progressive and enterprising. The modern Athena, type of the great Greek goddess, is our Kansas."

The State contains 82,000 square miles, rather less than the area of the Island of Great Britain, more than that of New England, more than that of Indiana and New York combined. It is 400 miles long by 200 miles wide. It stretches from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains, forming an undulating prairie, rising from 765 feet above the sea, at Kansas City, to 3,365 feet, at the Colorado line. The soil is generally a fine black loam, varying from fifty feet thick, in the alluvial bottoms, to two feet, on the western boundary.

Kansas is pre-eminently an agricultural State, and is so situated in regard to latitude that it gives the most desirable climate for the production of a large variety of products; not only that, but with seasons so tempered as to almost perfectly mature most staple and marketable products grown.

There is no country more healthful, there being no marshes or swamps, and yet a soil unsurpassed for fertility, and capable of being tilled with a minimum amount of labor, and adapted for the use of almost every labor-saving machine manufactured for the agriculturist.

To show how her soil has responded to cultivation, we quote the following statistics from the Reports of the State Board of Agriculture.

Product of wheat, by four-year periods:

	<i>Bushels.</i>
1862 to 1866 (inclusive)	1,118,767
1867 " 1871 "	10,624,000
1872 " 1876 "	44,196,011
1877 " 1881 "	112,942,572
1882 " 1886 "	139,161,437
1889 and 1890.....	81,219,851

Corn product:

	<i>Bushels.</i>
1862 to 1866 (inclusive)	33,262,527
1867 " 1871 "	80,524,000
1872 " 1876 "	255,437,023
1877 " 1881 "	433,709,989
1882 " 1886 "	846,880,769
1889 and 1890.....	423,838,321

In 1889, Kansas had cattle valued at \$26,076,540; milch cows, \$13,023,936; swine, \$10,607,707; sheep, \$734,632.

Poultry and eggs shipped, \$2,359,658; butter, \$3,840,324; wool clip, (1888,) \$376,788; cheese,

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\$55,988; animals slaughtered for market or sold for slaughter, \$33,593,105.

In 1888, the value of manufactured products was \$51,061,791.

The assessed value of property in the State is \$360,875,073, which is about 40 per cent of its actual value. This does not include the homesteads not subject to taxation, nor the large amount of property the assessors fail to reach.

There are sixty cities within the State with a population of 2,500 and over.

There is no large city in Kansas with its accompanying extremes of education and ignorance, wealth and poverty, virtue and vice.

Our public school system is our pride, no State in the Union, not even Massachusetts, comparing with us in number of pupils enrolled (400,000) or the ability of our teachers. After that of New York State, the Kansas Chautauqua takes precedence of any in the Union. The State has a permanent school fund of \$5,515,989; the value of school buildings is \$9,794,428; the amount paid out for school purposes in 1889 was \$5,137,460. It has a State Normal School, a State Agricultural College, while at the head of the educational system of the State stands the University of Kansas.

Kansas has driven out the saloon; instead of idleness, crime, pauperism, it has a sober, intelligent, industrious people.

Kansas has coal fields of vast extent, a valuable contributing element to its development.

While agriculture is being credited with being the chief industry of Kansas, figures in the Fourth Annual Report of the Kansas Bureau of Labor show that our manufacturing establishments are increasing rapidly. The Report says: "In our first report, from the returns received, we estimated the capital invested in this class of industries (including flouring-mills) at \$19,000,000; in our second report at \$22,000,000; in our third report at \$26,000,000; and the returns actually received this year show an aggregate capital of \$34,085,535, or \$7,285,535 greater than the estimate of last year, which was based upon the assumption that the reports received represented about 90 per cent of the whole. Accepting this 90 per cent basis as a guide for this year, it places our private manufacturing capital at, in round numbers, \$37,500,000, against \$19,000,000 in 1885, a gain of nearly 100 per cent."

An industry now being developed in this State is the production of sorghum sugar. Although in the experimental stage, it is developed far enough to demonstrate that sugar can be manufactured from sorghum at a profit; and, further, that Kansas is the best adapted for the production of sorghum cane for the manufacture of sugar of any State in the Union, and will, in a few years, be a great sugar-producing State.

Society in Kansas is much like that to be found elsewhere. There are good, medium and bad people, such as will be found in any other portion of the globe. As a whole the people

have less distinctive local characteristics than usually are seen in other States. The people are a mixture of all countries and all States, the New England element predominating. The generation born in the State reminds one much of the men who settled New England. The young Kansan is a reproduction of the stern, silent, unflinching Puritan, who landed at Plymouth Rock two and a half centuries ago, thoroughly Westernized; the most American of the types of men our country has produced.

No State or country has ever made the rapid development that has been accomplished by Kansas in a few short years. In fifteen years she has built within her borders 11,000 miles of railroad, operated by fourteen companies, only six counties in the State being untraversed by railroads.

The population of the State:

In 1860 was.....	105,000
1865.....	137,000
1870.....	360,000
1875.....	509,000
1880.....	875,000
1885.....	1,147,000
1890.....	1,500,000

The climate is unsurpassed. Those who come here with all the forms of lung trouble, rapidly become well men and women. No "la grippe" can live in Kansas. The transplanting of the average American citizen from the sea-board, or the sleepy rural districts of an Eastern State, to the limitless prairies of Kansas, seems to have a peculiarly rejuvenating effect upon him. His eye lightens, his limbs regain the suppleness of youth, and he is prepared for deeds of valor he never would have dreamt of performing on the old soil. It is in the atmosphere. This, in part, explains why Kansas grows so rapidly. Every individual residing within her borders realizes that the prosperity and progress of his State, his county, and his neighborhood, depends on his personal efforts to "push things," and he acts accordingly.

The motto of the State is "*Ad Astra per Aspera*," and by the untiring energy and indomitable will of its people it is marching on, while its railroads, its cities, its colleges, its schools and public buildings, its cultivated farms, its herds of cattle, are monumental evidences that the brilliant prophecies of the past are being rapidly fulfilled, and that a still more glorious future awaits it.

"Along the vast and silent plain,

I ride beneath the solemn evening skies;

In shadowy majesty around me rise,

Hay-heaped monuments that now retain

Some semblance of the shapes besides the drap

Of Egypt's desert where the lotus lies

Withered upon the tombs, and the proud eyes

Of ancient kings are dust. Dear God! how vain

The Pharo's labor and the mighty toil

Of slaves that built the pyramids of old;

For here are symbols of a nobler spoil

Won in our battle with the earth. Behold

Man's history! I feel within my breast

The sadness of the East, the glory of the West.

WICHITA

WICHITA, the city popularly known in the West as the "Belle of the Prairies," will ever be noted in America's history as the "boom" city. "Booms" are a peculiar characteristic of our civilization. While even ancient history gives us record of how cities have been founded and grown with great rapidity, often outrivaling older cities, yet that quick influx of population and marvelous rise in the values of landed property is peculiar to American life. The feverish excitement accompanying such booms does not ever seem to have found a place in the breasts of any but the sons of the new world.

When Chicago had doubled her population in six years she was called the "western wonder;" but in three years Wichita quadrupled her population. In 1885 she counted 8,000 people; in 1888 this had increased to 32,000. In the same time real estate increased in value, reaching as high as \$3,000 a front foot.

On the corner of Douglas avenue and Main street, the centre of the city, a twenty-five foot lot was actually sold for \$76,000, rather more than the price above mentioned. The fever to buy real estate ran in 1888 so high that in order to satiate the public appetite real estate sharks began staking out streets and lots running over the fields in the suburbs. They were soon sold and resold until there was no money left to pay for them. In the fall of the year the boom collapsed and people awoke to the realization of their being "land poor."

Since then important and substantial additions have been made to the city. The stock-yards and packing houses have been added. The Burton Stock Car Works have been built.

The entire street car system, twenty-three miles, has been turned into an electric plant. The sewerage, suitable for a city of 100,000 population, is being at present made perfect. Gas and electric light are supplied cheap. A wholesale drug house, wholesale notion house, a new wholesale dry goods, two wholesale groceries, a foundry, mattress factory, and carriage repository have been added. In the

business portion of the city we find several handsome office blocks. The Sedgwick has seven floors and nearly two hundred offices. The Zimmerly, Fechheimer and Fletcher are similarly provided with elevators and all modern conveniences. The main streets are paved in asphalt and wood.

RAILROADS.

Wichita is by far the best railroad point in Kansas. She has no less than ten lines running to all points of the compass. The Missouri Pacific system gives her direct connection to Kansas City, thence east and north; also with Den-

ver, Colo. It has likewise a line running into the southwestern part of the State.

The Rock Island gives her fine service to Chicago and other eastern points, as well as south through the Indian Territory.

The St. Louis and San Francisco runs fast trains to St. Louis through the best towns in Southern Kansas.

Wichita is on the line of the Santa Fe from Galveston to Kansas City. The lines south and west are especially fine feeders for her wholesale as well as general trade. She is the market to which all the Oklahoma country and all the Indian Territory yet to be opened will look for supplies. Her present prospects are bright and her future is assured. The population of Wichita to-day is somewhat



WICHITA CITY HALL.

less than it was two years ago. She has suffered the consequence of her inflated boom.

People owning large blocks of real estate considered themselves rich. They had acquired property without money, and all mostly to-day are better off than when they came. Many have grown rich, and all who have started in business since the boom collapsed are doing well. The country being opened up and improved to the south and west is being supplied from Wichita, and this is making her trade good. The retail merchants who have been in business here for ten or more years report this winter as the best they have yet had. More goods have been sold for cash, and losses are less than ever before.

The stock yards are now doing a fine, steady business. These yards were first opened in 1887. They had hardly got started when they were burned out on the 18th day of October. On the 1st day of November, 1888, they were again opened. They cover sixty acres of ground—fourteen acres under shedding. They have a capacity for 5,000 cattle and 10,000 hogs. They have 125 hydrants. The capital stock, \$600,000, is all owned in Wichita. The following shows the receipts and shipments for 1889 and 1890 :

MONTH.	1889.			
	CATTLE.		HOGS.	
January.....	269	7,870		
February.....	416	9,469		
March.....	383	9,036		
April.....	667	7,674		
May.....	902	12,136		
June.....	595	9,827		
July.....	571	6,875		
August.....	476	6,517		
September.....	841	7,766		
October.....	1,633	16,488		
November.....	1,863	14,591		
December.....	1,462	15,932		
1890.				
MONTH.	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	CATTLE	HOGS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.
January.....	2,002	14,789	1,419	
February.....	2,021	15,962	1,792	85
March.....	4,400	18,460	3,431	130
April.....	5,580	24,830	3,673	659
May.....	4,699	35,902	4,084	1,170
June.....	3,775	32,049	2,343	1,809
July.....	1,971	51,053	1,332	12,171
August.....	2,104	49,577	1,221	13,077
September.....	2,562	25,133	1,495	12,656
October.....	1,917	25,772	788	12,705
November.....	6,677	21,433	5,678	9,562
December.....	2,452	16,319	2,018	5,996
Total.....	39,760	322,339	29,274	70,020

The early history of Wichita is that of many other Kansas towns. In 1865 the Osage Indians sold this territory to the government, and for

five years after Wichita was merely an Indian trading point. On the 25th of March, 1870, D. S. Munger filed a plat of the southeast quarter of section 17, and on the same day William Greiffenstein filed a plat of section 20, in the same township. Both of them agreed to launch their ship under the title of *Wichita*. Business houses began soon to be erected, Main street and Douglas avenue assuming the position of the principal streets. In July, 1870, Wichita was incorporated as a town and in April, '71, was made a city of the third class. In 1872, it became a city of the second class. In the same year the bridge was built over the Arkansas River. Upon the completion of the railroad the Texas cattle trade began to come here and the town soon took on all the "accomplishments" of a frontier cattle point. It was a harvest for saloons and gambling houses so long as the season of the cattle drive lasted ; but as the years rolled on and churches, schools, societies, elevators and granaries were substituted for the stock yards and surrounding camp fires, the efforts of the moral element predominated, especially as it was supported by a judicious and well regulated system of government.

In May, 1872, Wichita began to open up a southwestern trade, when the first train of cars was run over the Wichita and Southwestern (now the Missouri Pacific) Railroad. The *Eagle* newspaper commenced its existence in 1872 and has ever been prominent in advertising the city to good advantage.

Wichita has every advantage of location. She is situated on the east bank of the Arkansas River, near the junction of that stream with the Little Arkansas, in the finest valley west of the Mississippi. It is the capital of Sedgwick County.

Wichita's streets run at right angles and are plenteously shaded with trees, making her in this respect the prettiest town in Kansas. A feature of the residence portions of the city is that each house stands on its own lot—many are surrounded by extensive grounds with cultivated gardens.

For those wishing to engage in business Wichita at the present moment offers better inducements than at any time in her short history. Rents are low. Comfortable, steam heated, electricity lighted offices can be had at one-quarter of what is paid for the same accommodations in other cities. Buildings for manufacturing purposes can be rented for a song ; lots for the same are low, while in the



WICHITA POSTOFFICE.

suburbs residences can be occupied for nothing. Owners are willing to have people stay in them to keep the houses in repair. The town is overbuilt, there being ample room and accommodations for twice her present population.

In the matter of amusements Wichita is far ahead of any place in Kansas. The Opera House, with seating capacity for 4,000 people, is the finest in the State.

The city is also well supplied with churches: Baptist, Christian, two Congregational, two Episcopal, two Methodist, German-Methodist, three Presbyterian, two Roman Catholic, United Brethren.

The Y. M. C. A. is a large and influential body here and since its organization in 1885 has steadily added to its membership.

In educational matters the City of Wichita is far ahead of most Western cities. The Catholic sisters have a very fine academy for girls, also two for infants and children. The splendid building known as the Garfield University stands empty awaiting some competent, enterprising manager and teacher to take charge of it. The Lewis Academy, munificently endowed by H. W. Lewis, was opened in 1886. It has now over 300 pupils of both sexes.

The public school system is on a basis of pronounced success. There are eighteen school buildings, including the high school. The school population of the city is 7,281, of which 4,804 were enrolled in the public schools. The cost of tuition, etc., per capita, was last year \$10.65, which is less than almost any city in Kansas, showing the school affairs to be economically worked, notwithstanding the class of teachers is of the best. The first year of the Normal and Training School has proven it popular with teachers and a great success.

The course of study in the public schools comprises Primary, Grammar and High School departments. Graduates of the High School are admitted to the State Normal School at Emporia and to the State University at Lawrence, without examination.

The following are the banks of the city with their capital:

Wichita National.....	\$250,000 00
State National.....	100,000 00
Kansas National.....	250,000 00
Fourth National.....	200,000 00
West Side National.....	100,000 00
Citizens' National.....	500,000 00
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	\$1,400,000 00

Besides there are several large loan and investment companies, chief among which is

the Knight Investment Co. Also several private bankers, among which Dudley M. Hine is one of the largest.

The assessed valuation of Wichita's real estate since 1872 is given in the following figures:

YEAR.	ASSESSED VALUE
1872	\$272,230 00
1873.....	257,900 00
1874.....	322,475 00
1875.....	319,000 00
1876.....	367,165 00
1877.....	419,202 00
1878.....	327,359 00
1879.....	356,499 00
1880.....	391,103 00
1881.....	395,503 00
1882.....	695,573 00
1883.....	717,196 00
1884.....	1,155,000 00
1885.....	1,604,721 00
1886.....	3,065,850 00
1887.....	6,021,648 00
1888.....	7,222,000 00
1889.....	7,348,623 00
1890.....	6,694,346 00

This is supposed to represent one-third of the actual value.

The city is well supplied with newspapers. The *Eagle*, Republican, has a national reputation. The *Beacon*, Democrat, started in 1872, is now in most efficient hands and is as good and commendable a paper as we have in the West; it appears every evening.

The *Leader*, published by the Forest City Publishing Co., is a most excellent and readable monthly journal.

The *Kansas Star*, issued every week for Sunday reading, has already acquired a reputation over the entire Western States.

The mortality of Wichita in the past ten years has averaged seven per thousand. The health and climate here is the unequalled health and climate prevailing in Kansas, and more especially in Southern Kansas. The hot weather lasts about six weeks, the frost about the same length of time, the balance of the year being an equitable and eternal spring and fall.

Wichita is an inviting place for a wholesale hardware dealer. He has no opposition in the State.

Wichita is located in the bosom of the great ARKANSAS VALLEY, better known as the HAPPY VALLEY, fifty miles north of the Indian Territory line and two hundred miles west of any other city. By her fortunate location she holds the KEY to the TRADE of the GREAT SOUTHWEST.

Wichita is the WONDER of AMERICA and the METROPOLIS of the SOUTHWEST.



YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

She is a GREAT RECEIVING and DISTRIBUTING POINT.

She is the only PACKING CENTER IN KANSAS, the combined capacity of the two packing houses being 5,000 hogs and 1,000 head of cattle daily.

She is the center of the finest HOG and CATTLE region in the world.

She is a large WHOLESALE and MANUFACTURING city and in this respect has no competitors.

She has absolute control of a country 400 miles square.

Wichita is a city of magnificent buildings, which have cost millions of dollars.

She has an extensive system of water works.

A splendid sewerage system.

An excellent gas and electric light plant.

The finest equipped and most efficient fire department in the West. All firemen ought to come here and take a lesson.

Good telephone service.

The people of all nations walk her streets.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WICHITA.

Huttig Bros. & Co., Manufacturers of and Wholesale Dealers in Glazed Sash, Doors, Blinds and Mouldings.—In writing the commercial history of cities, it is with feelings of genuine pleasure and interest that the editor takes up the data of houses whose organization dates away back in the early history of the great west. The history of these staunch concerns makes the material for the history of cities, landmarks in the book of time, illustrating the gradual growth and progress of the mercantile interests. Huttig Bros. & Co., the celebrated manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in glazed sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, etc., have been for two generations prominently identified with the greatest of American interests, lumber and building material. Their name has for years been synonymous with the best grade of these materials and is the leading one of the west. The firm are the largest manufacturers and dealers in this line in the world and date back to 1842, when they started at Muscatine, Ia. They have now large plants at St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Muscatine and Wichita. In Wichita they opened two years ago, and have likewise from this point built up an enormous trade. The manager of the Wichita branch is Mr. F. T. Logan, who has been reared in the sash and door business, having been with the Kansas City house eight years previous to coming here. He is ably seconded by Mr. F. Huttig, Jr., as cashier. The firm possesses the very best advantages and facilities for conducting business. They have 150 ft. front on the railroad and two tracks running into the warehouse; they employ a

large number of men, carry a \$150,000 stock—the largest in the west; they have three separate warehouses. They sell from here over Texas, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Indian Territory. They make and handle sash, doors and blinds, mouldings, store fronts, and everything used in the interior finish of a house, office, bank, store or public building. They also take large contracts for fitting and finishing interiors. The quality of their goods is too well known to require recommendation and stand with any in the world. Their large capital and unlimited resources enable them to offer inducements impossible to duplicate. In conclusion, we would draw the attention of our numerous readers to the manager of the entire business and the pioneer sash and door man of the west, Mr. William Huttig of Kansas City, who has been in the business since boyhood. Under his wise and conservative management (for no one is more favorably known in Kansas City for enterprise, public spirit and the highest standing in financial and mercantile circles) the firm has ever maintained with brightening lustre, that high degree of integrity and elevated tone of commercial honor which has characterized it from the start. The bright prestige of the name of Huttig has never been dimmed by a breath of suspicion or scandal—a splendid heritage for any house. That Mr. Huttig conducts the heaviest business of the kind in the west is amply proven by the immense number of orders always to be seen on the books. A price current is published with full engraving of nearly every style they make, which will be mailed to anyone on application.

Wichita National Bank.—No financial corporation in the West can point to a more satisfactory record of usefulness, conservative growth and stability, than the Wichita National Bank. Its prosperous career is closely allied with the growth and development of the business interests of Wichita. The bank was established in 1872 as the Wichita Savings, with a capital of \$25,000, and in 1877 became the National with a capital of \$50,000, which has since grown to a cash capital of \$250,000, and a surplus of \$50,000. The building is 34x110 and was built in 1872. It is situated on the corner of Douglas Ave. and Main St., and gives employment to thirteen clerks. The bank is ably officered, and its board of directors is composed of gentlemen among the most prominent in the city. The officials in detail are: Mr. M. W. Levy, president, a position he has honorably filled since 1878; Mr. A. W. Oliver, vice president; Mr. C. A. Walker, cashier. Board of directors: Messrs. W. R. Tucker, A. W. Oliver, N. F. Niederlander, S. H. Kohn, J. C. Rutan, H. T. Kramer, S. T. Tuttle, M. W. Levy, John Davidson and C. A. Walker. The bank's loans and discounts amount to \$561,673.02; cash and exchange, \$199,283; deposits, \$529,242.84. Mr. M. W. Levy, president of this institution, was born in Pennsylvania, lived for a number of years in California, and came to Kansas in 1871. He was a member of the great real estate firm of Steele and Levy until he became president of

the bank in 1878. Too much cannot be said in praise of this most genial and able of business men, who wins friends among all those with whom he is thrown in contract. He has received well merited public recognition as president of the board of education for many years.

Burton Stock Car Co., Car Builders and Transporters of Live Stock.—The idea of the Burton stock car took its origin about ten years ago, in the fertile brain of George D. Burton, who has invented over three hundred different novelties, most of which are in practical and daily use. On inventions pertaining to the stock car he has some seventy-five patents. The company started in 1882 in Boston on half a million capital. At first they had no works of their own. Later the capital was doubled, and a year ago increased to \$2,000,000. In 1887 they established and built in Wichita these magnificently equipped works, which have been the pride of our city ever since. They cover thirty-five acres of ground; there are twelve buildings in all: the five main buildings, foundry and machine shop, paint shop, mill, construction department and blacksmith shop are each 80x250 feet; they have seven miles of car track inside the grounds; the two cupolas melt sixty and forty tons; the large engine is 250 horse power; 200 men and boys are employed; the capacity is to build ten cars daily. They are equipped to manufacture all and every kind of stock and freight car, though their cars for transporting cattle and horses long distances have gained special celebrity. Their arrangements for supplying water and feed to the stock during transportation are the best. The company do not sell any cars, they build to let them to shippers. They have some 2,500 such cars in use, and are daily increasing this immense rolling stock. J. C. Moore, the president, is a prominent capitalist and manufacturer of Manchester, New Hampshire. Charles Howard, treasurer, is also the general manager of the New York & New England railroad. George D. Burton retains the post of assistant general manager, while his brother J. M. is assistant superintendent at the works. H. H. Swift is the live superintendent, who has been with the company a year, and formerly was fifteen years in the mechanical department of the Santa Fe. The company have offices at 558 Rookery building, Chicago, (where they also have shops); Portland, Oregon; Lexington, Kentucky; Kansas City, St. Louis, Boston and New York, where they receive communications and make arrangements with any one desiring to have stock transported or the use of a first-class stock car.

Citizens Bank.—Paid up capital \$500,000. Largest capital of any bank in Kansas. The Citizens Bank of Wichita is one of the largest and most influential banks in Kansas, and one of the strongest financially. It was organized eight years ago with a capital of \$100,000; later it was increased to \$200,000 and three years ago it was increased to the present paid up capital \$500,000, being larger

than any other bank in Kansas. The President, J. O. Davidson, has been mentioned so often in connection with other large business interests in this city that it is almost superfluous to make any more personal comment. He has been President since the organization. He is Director of the Davidson Investment company of this city, and is in fact, directly or indirectly connected with most business of any financial standing in the city. The Cashier, John C. Derst, has been with the bank also since its organization, and is favorably known. All names connected with it are synonymous with sagacity, and their connection with the bank gives it a front position among the sound, well managed banks of the country and assures a still wider and larger career of usefulness in the future. The correspondents of the bank are the Merchants Exchange, of New York, National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, and the North National, Boston.

William Deering & Co., Deering Binders, Deering Reapers, Mowers, Binder Twine; John T. Kelly, Agent, 123 West Douglas.—Wichita as a centre for general merchandising must indisputably take rank among the foremost places in the West. The name of Deering in connection with the celebrated Deering binder has been before the public twenty-five years. The office and spacious sample rooms are conveniently located at 123 West Douglas, while the extensive warehouse is on the Rock Island railroad track, very convenient for shipping purposes. Numerous hands are employed and the business done by this house is of the most thriving character possible in Deering binders, Deering reapers, mowers, harvesters, and binder twine, of which 102,000 pounds were sold last year and 114 harvesters and binders. Mr. John T. Kelly, Agent, was born in Missouri and has lived in Kansas thirty-four years and in Wichita since '75. He has been in the business fourteen years in Wichita and agent for this firm two years. He is an A. O. U. W. and K. of H. No one is better known in the city, and he is most active in promoting the industrial development of his concern and gives patrons solid advantages impossible to obtain elsewhere.

Thos. Shaw, The Music Man of Wichita.—Our pen sketches of this city's leading and prosperous business enterprises would be incomplete without due mention of Thos. Shaw, the Music Man of Wichita. Seventeen hands are employed inside the house, and three traveling salesmen sell the celebrated goods in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas. The immense building is 25x140 feet, two floors, beautifully appointed throughout, there being 5,500 feet of floor space. This is the largest music house between Chicago and Denver and does an immense jobbing and retail trade. Mr. Shaw is agent in the United States for Tour's horns. He sells all the leading fine pianos and organs known, sheet music and books; all musical instruments; a specialty is band instruments, band and orchestra music. Guitars, "Washburn," "Arion," "Bay State." Banjos,

"Dobson," "Waverly," "Imported Grades." Band instruments, "A. Tour's," "Higham." Accordions, instrument cases, strings, trimmings, repairs. In his employ are H. A. Sheppard, specialty, pipe organ, who plays the Methodist church organ and who has charge of the sheet music and book department; W. H. Collins, piano and organ salesman; G. F. Barkimer, piano and organ salesman and tuner;



THOS. SHAW.

G. F. Lane, tuner. Five to six wagons are employed for the house. Mr. Shaw, who came from Illinois, has been in Wichita six years, and formerly was twenty years at Morris, Ills., in the retail business. He started the smallest in the business here among seven, while twenty-three have since gone out. He has a remarkable eye and ear for mechanism. Energetic reliable, and conducting his business on the most elevated plane of mercantile honor, and practically conversant with it in all its details, he has justly become the representative man in his line in Kansas and this section of the West.

Young Bros., Largest Dealers in Wall Paper, Artists' and Painters' Supplies, 240 North Main St.—A representative establishment of this city, is that of Young Bros., 240 North Main street, founded four years. The commodious premises are 25x80 feet. Eight employes are required in the prosecution of the prosperous business. They do a wholesale and retail business in wall paper, artists' and painters' supplies, window glass, picture frames and window shades, in which they are the largest dealers. They also have a stock of the same goods in Quincy, Ill., where the store is even of larger proportions than the Wichita house, and where they also wholesale and retail. They are natives of Illinois; John B. Young has

been thirty years in the business. He is a M. W. A. and Royal Arcanum. His brother, Elijah D. Young is a Mason and has been in the business fifteen years. They are prominent figures in city trade circles, where they are numbered among the representative merchants.

Swab & Glosser, Tailors, 145 N. Main St.—In noticing the first-class merchant tailoring establishments of Wichita, particular mention should be made of Swab & Glosser's, 145 North Main street. The premises occupied are 25x75 feet in dimensions, well appointed and equipped in modern style. Fourteen first-class workmen are employed. A \$7000 stock is carried and they keep on hand a very fine selection of cloths, cassimeres and woollens. Fine suits are made to order. Wedding suits a specialty; perfect fits being guaranteed. They solicit correspondence and will quote prices and send samples on application. Mr. Swab has been in Kansas twelve years and formerly was in the business in Quincy and Chicago. He belongs to the Scottish Rite. Mr. Glasser, from Pennsylvania, has been in Kansas for six years. He, also, belongs to the Scottish Rite. This business dates back to 1872, when it was established by F. Stackman, whom, in 1884, Messrs. Swab & Glosser bought out. They combine in an eminent and marked degree all of the essential qualifications necessary to constitute themselves masters of the profession.

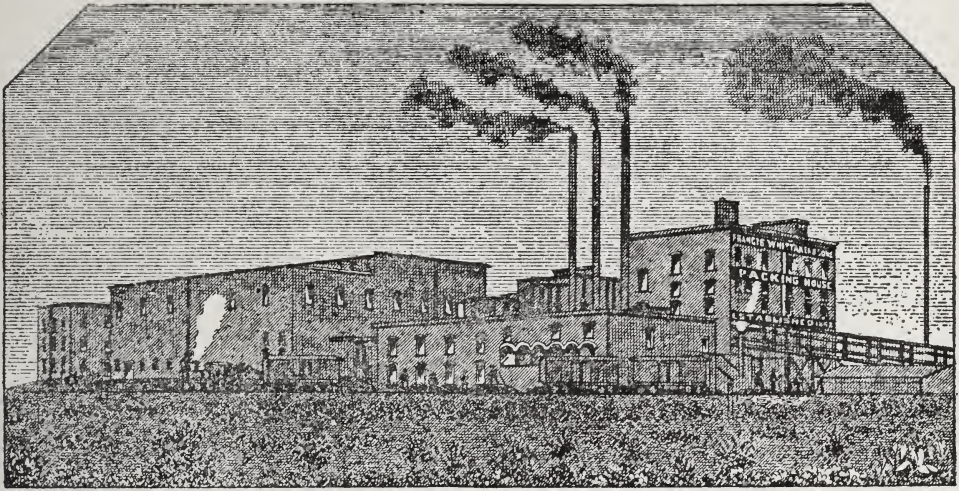
J. K. Sawyer, Bridge Contractor and Builder, Room 203, Sedgwick Block.—An important branch of skilled industry is that represented by J. K. Sawyer. The extensive business, which



consists of the erection of all kinds of bridges, gives employment to a numerous force of skilled workmen. Mr. Sawyer was born in Maine, and early learned the carpenter's trade, and became an expert at his profession. He was formerly engaged in the dry dock business in Illinois, and in mining in California and Montana, and has had fourteen years experience in bridge building. Mr. Sawyer is identified with the Masonic order. He has been established in this city since 1871, and by superior work and popular methods has reared an enterprise which entitles him to the distinction of a representative city business man.

Francis Whittaker & Sons, Pork and Beef Packers.—The careful student of the industries of Wichita and surrounding country, if he be at all familiar with the subject cannot fail to recognize the large possibilities of the future and the accomplishments of the present. To-day, on every hand, are seen the evidences of a manufacturing and commercial greatness which in no uncertain voice emphasizes this city as one of the strong links in the great chain of industry which characterizes the Sunflower State. To discover and point out the reason for this and to spread abroad the

with the firm for fifteen years, and was superintendent in St. Louis, leaving there to take charge here. The plant and grounds cover twenty acres, and consist of every modern or known improvement used in their business. They ship to Liverpool and China and throughout the South and West. Their particular specialties are their well known sugar cured hams and pure, unadulterated lard. The house is too well known to need personal comment at our hands, and its presence a boon to the city, to require explanation. Those in charge of the business at this point by their commercial integrity and open business transactions are to be credited with bringing the business up to the present state of perfection.



knowledge of how this result has been attained, is the object of this work. By voluntary subscriptions \$300,000 in cash and sixty acres of valuable land were contributed by the citizens of Wichita to build up the present packing plants in this city. There is no need to dwell on the advantages and results of their coming here; sufficient to say they are the very life of the business of this place. The firm of Francis Whittaker & Sons Pork and Beef Packers, is known almost throughout the civilized world, and may truly say their territory is the globe. But we will confine ourselves more particularly to the Wichita house. The St. Louis house was established in 1848 and the Wichita in August, 1889. The latter house has a capacity of 2,500 hogs daily and averages about 1,000. All of the firm are in St. Louis but the business is left in competent hands. D. J. Wallace, a native of Scotland is manager and cashier. He has been in Wichita for the last three years and it may be truly said of him that he is the right man in the right place, and is a good specimen of the energetic and honorable Scot who fail not to make their mark, no matter in what clime their lot may be cast. Mr. Hamilton is superintendent, and is an old packer originally from St. Louis. He has been

Jacob Dold Packing Co.—This establishment is entitled to a prominent place in our pages, not only by reason of the high reputation it enjoys, but also on account of its long establishment and interesting record, which runs thus: Jacob Dold, established 1849, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jacob Dold & Son, established 1879, Kansas City, Mo.; Jacob Dold Packing Co., established 1889, Wichita. It was incorporated in 1889 and since its foundation in Wichita has given birth to an industry employing a considerable amount of capital, brains and ingenuity in its prosecution. The entire plant here covers twenty acres. There are six smoke-houses and two ammonia refrigerators. The capacity is 2,000 hogs and they are at present killing about 1,500 daily and 60 beeves. Two hundred men are employed. George P. Dold, son of Mr. Jacob Dold, is the able manager of the Wichita concern. He was raised in the business and devotes his entire time to the management. The Dold Packing Co. is in every way deserving of the immense trade they have built up and the solid confidence they have gained in the West and all portions of the United States.

Bean, Bleakmore & Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants, Stock Yards Exchange

Building.—Established in 1887, this firm have, by their reputation for conducting business on the highest standard of commercial integrity built up connections that is probably not approached by any other in the west. They handle cattle, hogs, and sheep, and particularly request all shippers to open up correspondence with them before consigning elsewhere. Mr. R. Bean was born in Kentucky, and was raised on a farm. He gives his attention more particularly to the office. Mr. J. B. Bleakmore is a native of West Virginia, and was a merchant and farmer in Iowa. He attends to the sale of the hogs, and no man in the yards is a better judge. Mr. L. B. Preston, the cattle salesman, was born in Ohio and came to Kansas in 1883. He has had a life long experience in the cattle business. The firm as a whole are practically acquainted with every detail of their business and can in all respects be relied upon for faithful and thorough performance of all business entrusted to them.

Benninghoff, Kenoyer & Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants, Room 11, Exchange Building, Union Stock Yards.—The marvelous strides taken by the western states of recent years in every branch of material progress, has created an active demand for reliable men in all lines of business. Benninghoff, Kenoyer & Co., who are among the leading live stock commission merchants of Wichita, are old and experienced stock men. Their facilities for successfully conducting the business are many, so that they are enabled to afford their numerous customers unusual advantages. Reference by permission: Kansas National Bank, Wichita, Kansas; Exchange National Bank, Eldorado, Kansas. Messrs. Benninghoff & Kenoyer are well known at Leon, Kansas, as extensive bankers and traders. Mr. T. J. Lindsey, the cattle salesman, was born in Iowa, has been in the cattle business all his life and has lived in Kansas twenty-two years, formerly in Butler county seventeen years and Crawford county five years. Mr. B. H. Fox, hog salesman, born in Ohio, has been in the stock business thirty-five years. They are both very superior and reliable salesmen.

McCoy & Underwood, Live Stock Commission Merchants, Exchange Building.—This firm has been connected with the live stock business in Kansas City twelve years. The business was started here in 1889, under the management of F. B. McCoy. Mr. McCoy was born in Kansas City, and was in business there ten years. The house does a large business, and among other firms, buys for Armour. Mr. L. H. Spencer is hog salesman. Mr. S. Preston is cattle salesman, having devoted many years to it both here and elsewhere. Mr. F. B. McCoy, (son of A. J., who recently died), is the partner at this point, the others being in Kansas City. There is no need to indulge in any personal comment on this firm as it is so well and widely known, that such would be superfluous. They are determined to maintain their present high and extended reputation for square dealing, without which no house can stand.

Eldridge & Campbell, Commission Merchants for the Sale of Live Stock.—The names of Eldridge & Campbell are prominently identified with Kansas and more especially Wichita, and have materially helped to bring the live stock business of this city to the high standing it now occupies. They formed the partnership in June 1889, but both have been for many years connected with their present business. Mr. Eldridge has been in the general live stock business since 1877 throughout Southern Kansas with headquarters at Wichita. He is a native of New York, and has been a resident of the city for over nineteen years—the last two in the live stock commission business. Mr. M. C. Campbell has been engaged in the general live stock business for seventeen years in Kansas, Texas and Indian Territory, as a ranchman, feeder and shipper. Both are gentlemen of well established repute. They solicit correspondence, and handle everything in the line of cattle, hogs and sheep, and consignments made to their care are sure of receiving the utmost attention and bringing the full market price. The best evidence of their ability is their business success. Their office is at the Union Stock Yards.

Healy & Glenn.—The above names have long been factors in the progress of this city and have helped to bring its live stock business to the point which it has now obtained. Mr. Glenn has been in Wichita for thirteen years, and previous to entering the stock business was in the real estate line. He is a native of Illinois and is a Royal Arcanum and A. O. U. W. He gives his attention more particularly to the sale of hogs, while his partner, Mr. Healy, attends to the cattle. Mr. Healy has been a stockman all his life and knows every crook and turn of the business. He has been in Kansas seven years. Mr. Glenn has 500 head of high grade cattle up in Arizona feeding. The partnership was formed in February, 1890, and their business has steadily increased. Shippers to this point may feel confident in consigning to the above firm and receiving the fullest market value and the greatest promptness and care. Their office is located in Room 5, Union Stock Yards Exchange.

Ditmars, Voris & Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants.—We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the above house, who by their integrity and strict attention to business, have secured the confidence of the surrounding farmers and stockmen. Mr. W. C. Voris is the oldest man on the ground and is the general manager and hog salesman of the firm. He came originally from Franklin, Ind., where he pursued the vocation of farmer. He has been in Kansas four years. He has his life—so to speak—still before him, being only 26 years of age. Mr. C. L. Ditmars is an active member of the firm. Mr. J. J. Houston is also a member of the firm and cattle salesman: has been in the stock business all his life, and in Kansas two years. The firm as a whole is one that cannot be beaten and is in every way entitled to the consideration of those with whom it may be brought into business relations.

John T. Prather, Live Stock Commission and Forwarding Agent, Exchange Building, Union Stock Yards.—Mr. Prather has been in his present business nearly all his life and comes pretty near knowing all about it. He is very popular. He is an old Sedgwick County man and was formerly engaged in farming before he devoted his time exclusively to handling stock. Every shipper will find it to their mutual benefit to open up correspondence with him before consigning elsewhere. He makes a specialty of buying stockers and feeders. He solicits correspondence from all and we can say that no other gentleman in the yards will look after the interests of their patrons more than he does; his strongly established business speaks more eloquently to this point than anything else.

J. R. Holliday, "Wichita Grocery," 221 East Douglas Avenue.—It has been stated by some scientist that "man is what he eats." In the "Wichita Grocery" people may feel confident that they are receiving in exchange for their money a pure and unadulterated article, no matter in what department their purchase is. This store was established in 1880. In 1883 J. R. Holliday took charge and has built up an enviable reputation. The grocery has always been in this block, which is a desirable location. The building is 25x100 feet, and is arranged with a due regard to the display of the extensive assortment of groceries and provisions. The success achieved by this house is due to the great enterprise of the proprietor, who has been in the grocery business in Wichita for ten years. He has five willing salesmen and a lady cashier and three delivery wagons. The stock carried is worth \$6,000. Mr. Holliday is a prominent K. T. and 32d degree mason.

A. W. Sickner, Teacher of Music, Music Rooms, Fletcher Building, N. W. Cor. Second and Main Sts.—

"If music be the food of love,
Play on!"

Love is the leading and first of all happiness opening up to its disciples a new world. What then is the importance of music which Shakespeare has thus called the food of love, namely the sentiment on which love grows. How necessary is it then that our daughters and sons too should learn music. The leading teacher in our city, Prof. A. W. Sickner, offers excellent inducements to those desiring to be musicians. The professor was reared in Rochester, N. Y., and at an early age showed his liking for the finest of all arts. In 1878 he received his diploma at the Genesee Musical Institute, and in 1881 came to Wichita. He at once gained public confidence here and soon took his place in the front rank. Many teachers have come and gone since he came, but Mr. S. still remains, gaining a more solid patronage every year. He has averaged forty-five pupils in these nine years. He teaches piano and organ; also harmony and theory and charges very reasonably. He has pleasant rooms in the Fletcher building and is regarded as one of the first musicians in Kansas. He is vice-presi-

dent of the State Musical Association. He is a natural born and trained teacher, and has the happiest method of imparting his knowledge to pupils.

Nicholas Steffen, Bon Ton Bakery and Candy Kitchen, 254 N. Main St.—In writing descriptive accounts of the business interests of Wichita, we would call special attention to Mr. Nicholas Steffen, proprietor of the Bon Ton Bakery and Candy Kitchen, 254 North Main street. He has been established five years in the bakery business and is successor to Mr. Spears in the Candy Kitchen, which he has recently purchased. The spacious and well ordered premises are three stories and 25x140 feet in extent. Eight polite employes are required. The "Bon Ton" has become headquarters for ice cream and candies, while the celebrated food product has become equally well known. Fresh bread, cakes, rolls, pies, baked twice daily. Special attention is given to orders for wedding parties. Mr. Steffen was born in Madison, Ind., and is an I. O. O. F. He has lived in Kansas six years and has been successfully engaged in the business nearly all his life. He is entirely worthy of his grand success.

Dudley B. Hine, Loan and Investment Banker, 129 East Douglas Ave., Cor. of Market St.—A name that adds eminent grace to these pages, and belongs among those of the competent financiers of the state, is that of the subject of this sketch. Dudley B. Hine was born in Painesville, near Cleveland, Ohio. He left college to go into the loaning business. He owns property in Ohio and Michigan. He is rated at \$40,000 all in cash loans. Being the fortunate possessor of such a large capital, makes him a recognized power in financial circles. Mr. Hine is one of the go-ahead young men of the state; he makes a specialty of ninety day loans to merchants. His offices at 129 East Douglas Avenue are an elegant suite of rooms richly and handsomely furnished. Mr. Hine has been in Wichita but two years, and in that time has built up a lasting reputation for his discretion and good judgment in the investment and loan business. He is public spirited and energetic, liberal and fair, proving himself fully aware of the responsibilities resting on him, and of his capability in transacting all business pertaining to the same.

E. A. Harmening, Tailor.—In a careful review of the commercial enterprises of Wichita, it will be plainly observable that some houses possess great advantages over others in the same line of business, the result, in some cases, of longer experience, and in others of a greater natural aptitude for the particular trade or profession. In the business of fine merchant tailoring Mr. Harmening may be said to have attained his well known reputation as a maker of men's attire, from both of the essentials mentioned. His long experience, coupled with an extensive knowledge of what constitutes symmetry and beauty of design in wearing apparel, has given him a proficiency attained by few of his compeers, and the truth of which

is exemplified in the high reputation which the products of the house have attained. The premises are 25x25 feet in dimension, where may be found a large and varied stock of French, English and German woollens and suitings, and many single patterns of special design not to be found elsewhere, as well as the standard goods generally sought after by those who are more conservative in the character of their dress. The custom of this house is largely drawn from the elite of our city and vicinity. Employment is furnished eight hands, and only those who are thoroughly reliable are secured to make up the garments of this establishment. Mr. Harmening is a native of Germany and has been in Wichita three years. He carries a stock of about \$2,000 and does an annual business of \$15,000. With his facilities he is able to guarantee a perfect fit in every instance, reliable goods and workmanship, not excelled in this or any other city in the country.

Edward Vail & Co., Wholesale and Retail Jewelers, 106 East Douglas Avenue.—The business of the above firm was established in 1884. The appointments and decorations are of the most perfect description for the display of the stock, which comprises watches, fine jewelry, silver ware, clocks, and an unusually large and splendid collection of diamonds and precious stones. He has also fine china and bronze ornaments and reading lamps. These goods by their diversity and beauty render it as easy to select here as in the best houses in the east. Their trade extends all over southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The stock is estimated at \$25,000 and four hands are employed. Mr. Vail comes from La Porte, Indiana, and has been in Kansas since 1884. He is a mason and K. T. His reputation for fair dealing and detailed knowledge of the business has long been firmly established.

Hotel Carey Pharmacy, W. L. Johnson & Co.—No name is better associated with the drug trade than the above, and no house is conducting a more extensive business. Their store consists of a handsomely furnished apartment filled with a carefully selected stock of pure drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines, perfumery and druggists' sundries. Mr. W. L. Johnson is a native of Amsterdam, N. Y. He went to Iowa when he was ten years of age and came to Wichita in 1874 and devoted his attention to the grain and live stock business at first but afterwards took up his present profession. He is president of the town council and belongs to the order of Odd Fellows. Mr. C. H. Cox was born in Illinois, and graduated and took his degree of M. D. at Keokuk in 1864. He practiced in Clayton, Ill., till four years ago, when he came to Wichita. He is a member of the K. T.'s and also a Mason. The house employs two registered druggists and well deserves their success.

Wichita Steam Laundry, 117, 119 and 121 West First Street.—A careful review of the business interests of Wichita develops the ex-

istence of a class of houses prepared in every respect to compete in the several lines they represent with the rival establishments of other cities. The Wichita Steam Laundry of six years establishment, has capacity for employing 100 hands. They possess, undoubtedly, the largest and most complete laundry in the west, and the finest bath rooms. The beautifully appointed premises are 65x75 feet, 2 floors, and are well equipped throughout with all possible conveniences for use of the numerous bath patrons, in the way of electric light, etc. The engine is a twenty-five-horse power and the boiler fifty-horse power. The proprietors are the inventors and manufacturers of Garst's celebrated marking tag. Messrs. N. Garst, W. R. Fraser, T. B. Garst, the members of the firm, came here from Ohio, to open the laundry. They are members of the Coronado Club (Wichita), which has the handsomest club rooms in the west. They are agents for the celebrated Dayton Fan and Motor, and also National Cash Register.

Mrs. L. S. Carter, Subscription Book Dealer, 407 E. Douglas Avenue.—"Honest poverty with a few good books is better than riches without them." True words, for it is seldom that we find or hear of a person who is a book lover in the true sense going very far off the straight path. One of the names best known in Wichita is that of Mrs. L. S. Carter. Born in Vermont, she came to Kansas in 1870. Left a widow, she did not do anything till about four years ago, when she entered into the subscription book business. Large results have sometimes small beginnings. It was so in this case. She sold her first book in Winfield and now has twenty-five agents out in Southern Kansas. She has made the book business honorable and herself respected and given a prestige to the business which it has long lacked. Her son, Ed N. Carter, who traveled in the Western States for nine years, has now connected himself with her in business as a member of the firm. Mrs. Carter represents all the leading publishers and can give all information about all the latest publications of any importance, and takes subscriptions for all the monthly magazines. She has been extremely successful in her undertaking, mainly the result of her own business energy and sound principles upon which it was founded. No name is held in higher esteem in the city, both in business and social circles.

Aylesbury Mercantile Co., Wholesale Fancy Groceries, 145 North Emporia Avenue.—Wichita's importance is forcibly demonstrated in the Aylesbury Mercantile Company, which was started November 1, 1890. The premises occupied are spacious and well ordered. They deal in wholesale fancy groceries in Kansas and Oklahoma, having numerous traveling salesmen and employes. Mr. Charles Aylesbury, the manager, was born in Illinois. He has been identified with the mercantile trade all his life. He affiliates with the Masonic order. The company, which he so ably manages, is one of the mainstays of the city.

Wichita Planing Mill, V. E. Appleby, proprietor. Mill and Office Corner Central Avenue and Wichita Street.—Genius, pluck and intelligence is reflected in the history of the Wichita Planing Mill and the owner, V. E. Appleby. Mr. Appleby is a young man just left his twenties, and has built up an establishment it would ordinarily take genius a life time to erect. He served an apprenticeship as a mill hand in Topeka, Kansas, and started for himself in Wichita six years ago. Trade grew so rapidly that he was compelled to look for larger quarters. In 1886 he built these works. The building is a three story brick, 60x120 feet, besides a yard covering three lots. He has every facility for carrying on manufacturing and shipping, including a side track from the railroad. His engine is sixty-horse power and two boilers 200-horse power. He has twenty-five men. He manufactures all kinds of sash, doors, blinds, frames, mouldings, brackets, balusters, stairs counters; also deals in hard and soft finishing lumber, sash, doors, glass, putty and general builders supplies. He did the wood work of the Sedgwick court house, Wichita city building, Y. M. C. A. building, the three city school houses, etc. He has the contract for the interior finishing of the government building at Galveston, Texas, a \$60,000 job, which he is now completing. It is the finest building in that state, after the state house at Austin. Mr. Appleby is not only noted for his enterprise and push, but has the reputation of filling his contracts even better than he agrees.

Fred Rush, Groceries, 340 North Main.—In writing the descriptive account of Wichita's leading business interests, we would specially note Mr. Fred Rush's popular grocery house. The ample premises are 25x140 feet, has a large barn at the rear of store, for country customers, free of charge. He has been established three years here, and employes five hands. The large and varied stock of fresh staple and fancy groceries, woodenware, cigars, tobacco, canned goods, confectionary, fresh fruits, vegetables, etc., are not surpassed by any contemporary house. He makes a specialty of fine teas, coffees, spices extracts, bulk garden and field seeds. Special attention to mail orders. Prompt delivery and satisfaction guaranteed. Mr. Rush was born in Illinois. He has had ten years experience of groceries, and is treasurer of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, also of the Illinois Building and Loan Association.

W. H. Baker & Co., Manhattan Hotel, Ticket Brokers.—The marvelous strides taken by the Western States of recent years in railroad affairs has created an active demand for reliable ticket brokers, leading among which are W. H. Baker & Co., members of the American Ticket Brokers' Association. The manager, Mr. Sol Arkush, was born in Central City, Colorado. He has had ten years' experience in the business. The facilities W. H. Baker & Co. possess for successfully conducting the business are of an unusually complete character, whereby they can offer their customers exceptional advantages. As man-

ager, Mr. Arkush is worthy of the large measure of success achieved and for the confidence placed in him in business circles.

Boston Store, Dry Goods, Notions and Fancy Goods, 103 to 109, East Douglas Avenue.—This popular store was established five years ago, by Messrs. Wallenstein & Cohn. These gentlemen have a comprehensive knowledge of the dry goods trade in all its branches. They know what the public want and can meet its demands in the most satisfactory manner with the best goods at the lowest prices. They are close buyers, and upon their counters will always be found something new, useful and beautiful in the line of dry goods, notions, fancy goods shoes and millinery. The store is of commodious dimensions, being really three stores in one, 75x120, on ground floor and is 65x80 up stairs, and is admirable arranged for business purposes, having a side as well as a front entrance. Customers are courteously waited on by a small army of polite employes; cash boys aid in the promptness of the operations, while popular prices prevail in all the departments. Messrs. W. & C. were reared in the dry goods trade and bring years of experience to bear on it. This firm also does quite an extensive jobbing, millinery, and notion business.

Exchange Stables, 325 E. Douglas Avenue, Telephone 3.—There is not among the excellent establishments in the livery and horse exchange line in Wichita, one that sustains a higher reputation for general accommodation, service or reliability than the well-ordered and deservedly-popular Exchange Stable, of which Will E. Berry is the efficient and experienced proprietor. Mr. Berry, who is a native of Missouri, is a man of push and sound judgment, conversant with every feature of the business in which he has been raised. He has been a resident of Kansas for four yeass, and has owned his present establishment since January, 1890. The building is a commodious place, 50x100 feet, complete in all its appointments. There are accommodations for thirty horses, livery and boarders, and fine road horses and matched teams are a specialty. Mr. Berry is a Workman and a Woodman.

Morgan Bros., Dealers in Horses and Mules, 328 W. Douglas Avenue.—It would be a difficult task to mention any more important business in the West than that of the horse and mule dealer. Morgan Bros. were established in July, 1884. Their extensive premises consist of a main stable, 50x150 feet in extent and a mule stable 100x150. The capacity is 200 horses and 150 mules. Driving horses a specialty. Stock sold on commission. All consignments of stock will receive prompt attention. They sell in Kansas and Missouri and do a highly prosperous business. Their facilities for successfully handling the extensive business are of a very complete character, so that they offer customers advantages difficult if not impossible to duplicate. Mr. G. O. Morgan is a Mason and K. P. By able and popular management they have built up a large trade and obtained a leading position in their line.

C. O. Page & Co., Hardware, 522 East Douglas Avenue.—A representative house in the hardware line is C. O. Page & Co., who have been identified with the hardware business over twenty years. The premises occupied are spacious and commodious, 25x125 feet in extent; the well selected stock, which consists of everything usually found in a strictly first-class hardware emporium, is advantageously displayed. A specialty is the celebrated "Favorite" stove and range, the most durable and convenient in the world. Specialties; window glass, rubber and leather belting, hydrant hose and gum packing. Three salesmen are employed. Mr. Page was born in Indiana and was formerly in the business a number of years in Madison, Indiana.

Hotel Metropole.—There is nothing adds so much to the prestige of a city, in the estimation of a stranger, as first-class hotel accom-



modations. The city of Wichita is especially favored in this respect in the Hotel Metropole, established two years and centrally located. Rates, \$2 and \$2.50. The house consists of a very handsome four story brick, erected at a cost of \$40,000. The capacity of the dining-hall is 80 persons. There are 62 well furnished bed rooms and 23 hands are required. Special accommodations made for the commercial trade, for whom there are elegant sample rooms. The hotel is superbly furnished and carpeted throughout and lighted with electric light. The service is of the most polite and courteous order, while there are bath-rooms and billiard tables; in short, all modern conveniences. Messrs. Ketter and Young, proprietors, are men well known as old and experienced hotel men. Mr. Young is prominently identified with the Masonic order. Under their able direction the Metropole cannot but maintain its prestige as one of the State's foremost hostleries. The Metropole in every way must be pronounced a highly creditable establishment and strictly first-class in its varied and numerous modern appointments.

Solliday Brothers, Teas and Spices.—Probably few thing that enter into consumption as articles of food, are so hard to obtain of purity and good quality, as are teas, spices, baking powder, extracts and vinegars. There are in all cities, concerns whose reputation for manufacturing only pure and superior goods are well known, and at the same time there are others who are equally well known for opposite characteristics. Among the best known of the first class, are Solliday Brothers. The business was established here in 1885 and is a branch of the main house in Indianapolis. Mr. D. F. Solliday has charge of this end of the business, he was born in Indianapolis and has made his business a special study. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and one of our esteemed citizens. Mr. E. E. Biglow the book-keeper is a native of New York and served during the late "unpleasantness," in the 77th and 130th Illinois regiment. The stock carried averages about \$5,000, and the sales last year were over \$40,000, and this year have been steadily increasing and reaching out in all directions. The business of the house besides teas, spices and sundry articles, also comprises the manufacture of extracts and perfumes. The firm is in possession of ample facilities for producing such articles as they deal in at the lowest market rates, and as they are contented with a reasonable profit, their customers may depend upon it that they cannot obtain goods of equal value at lower figures elsewhere.

Ford & Ford, the Reliable Grocers, South-east Corner Third and Main Streets.—Prominent among those mercantile concerns which tend so much toward the prosperity of this great trade center, is Ford & Ford's, the well known grocery house. They were established May, 1888. The neat premises are 25x60 feet, and well suited to the transaction of the large business. They are popularly known as the "reliable" grocers, who constantly keep on hand an unexcelled assortment of fine teas, coffee and country butter. Goods delivered free of charge to all parts of the city. Ford & Ford were born in Illinois, the senior member being a Knight of Honor. Their establishment has rapidly grown in popularity and redounds greatly to their credit.

J. R. Brown, Register of Deeds.—A strong, popular and influential pillar of the Democratic party and a bulwark of Sedgwick County's advancement and welfare is J. R. Brown, the well known register. Mr. Brown is a pioneer settler, having come here in 1870, and is thoroughly acquainted and well liked. He is respected for his force of character and upright conduct and by his pleasant and interesting manner makes friends of all. He was born in Ireland, crossed the ocean when four years old and was reared in Pennsylvania. He served the Union cause in the Eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, and lost an arm at the battle of Gettysburg. He has been farming now twenty years in Kansas and has ever had a comfortable income from raising wheat and corn. He is serving a second term as register, having

been elected by an increased majority over the first time. He is a member of the K. of P., Oddfellows and G. A. R. He has a pleasant office, the pink of order and good taste, has a deputy and three clerks and keeps everything in ship-shape order and correctness.

S. Dunkin, County Clerk.—One of Sedgewick county's best known men and valued officers, is the present county clerk S. Dunkin. Mr. D. is a native of Indiana; came to Kansas March 1871, and barely over twenty years of age took a quarter section in Salem township. This he farmed, and then sold goods in a country store six years. He has resided in town five years and was elected clerk in '87, re-elec-

a comfortable fortune from the calling and holds the confidence of the entire farming community as an upright and honorable citizen. He is now filling his second term as treasurer. He is a staunch democrat, a member of the Masons, Oddfellows, Ancient Order United Workmen, Knights of Pythias, etc. He has a force of five clerks.

W. T. Buckner, Probate Judge.—One of the most respected gentlemen of Wichita is Judge W. T. Buckner. The judge hails from the State of Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1871 and began to practice in 1872 in the city of Cleveland, till his ambitious spirit brought him into the West. He settled in Wichita in



SEDGWICK COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

in 1889. He runs his office in a masterly manner, keeping everything always up to date. He has a smart deputy and a competent assistant. He is a prominent man in the orders; is Master Workman of the A. O. U. W., Peerless Lodge 271, also an Oddfellow and Modern Woodman. In Salem he was township trustee. He is a pleasant, gentleman, attentive to his duties, and lends to the standing of the Court House.

T. B. Cartwright, County Treasurer.—One of the solid men of Sedgewick County, lending dignity and influence to the court house officary is T. B. Cartwright, the treasurer. Mr. C. is one of our county's early settlers, coming here from Illinois, his native state, in 1872. He has always been a farmer, and made

1884 and entered on a paying practice. He is a careful judge and fills the position with marked grace and dignity. He has been elected for a second term in the face of both Alliance and Democratic opposition. His rather serious mien added to his patience makes him a splendid judge, while his unassuming manner gains for him the confidence of all.

Rufus Cone, Sheriff.—Rufus Cone, the present popular sheriff was born and reared in Illinois. As a boy he clerked in a store and came west to Wichita in 1877. He was six years in groceries and five years one of the two city constables. Last year (1889) when the democrats determined that they were entitled to another county office, having the year previous gained victories, they chose Mr. Cone as

candidate for sheriff. He did not disappoint them, and went in by the handsome majority of 900 in a district which gave Harrison 2200 majority. As an officer he has proven himself active and efficient. He hasn't failed yet to make an arrest and land in the arms of the law anyone the law has sought. In his long career as an officer he never shot a man, and only once had occasion to shoot at a prisoner who was trying to make his escape but was shortly after captured. He doesn't believe in bullying prisoners, but by a confident, firm and polite manner ever gains their respect. His office requires assistance of an under sheriff, three deputies, two court bailiffs, a jury bailiff, jailer and a book-keeper. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., Mystic Circle and K. P.

W. W. Ayers, Clerk of the District Court.—The above responsible office calls for such qualities as good judgment diligence and carefulness. An official who is possessed of these is W. W. Ayres. He is a native of Indiana, but spent a larger portion of his life in Illinois. He has lived ten years in the Sunflower State and was formerly well known as the able deputy sheriff. Mr. Ayres is a Mason and Odd Fellow. He is a live and progressive citizen and has been the architect of his own fortune, fully deserving the success that has crowned his efforts.

W. S. Morris, County Attorney.—Mr. Morris is not only an extensively read lawyer, but is a thorough gentleman. He was born in Ohio and graduated from De Pauw University in 1879, being admitted to the bar in 1880. He practiced at Rushville till he came to Kansas in the spring of 1884, and at once entered on a flourishing business. He was elected county attorney in 1888 and re-elected in 1890. This is the only elective office he ever aspired to and he fills it with due grace, force and dignity. Mr. Morris is a K. T., Mason, Knight Pythias, Ancient Order United Working, and makes friends wherever he goes.

Jacob M. Balderston, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.—Judge Balderston was born in Belmont County, Ohio, January 16th, 1842. He moved to Illinois in 1855, farmed and attended school in winter till the war came on, when he volunteered and served in Co. A, 1st regular Ill. Cav., and later Capt. Co. C, 11th Ill. He saw plenty of fighting in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. From 1865 to 1868 he taught school and attended school, then gave his entire time to reading law, and was admitted in 1869. He came to Wichita in 1872. He was city and county attorney, but never aspired to political office. He was chosen to preside over the newly created court in 1889, for two years and ten months to dispose of the surplus business of the District Court. The judge is a whole-souled and hearty gentleman, and is noted for his cool logical reasoning. He is a Mason, A. O. U. W., Fraternal Aid and G. A. R.

R. W. Stevenson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sedgwick Building.—A well-

known, and deservedly popular name in Wichita, is that of Dr. R. W. Stevenson. He was born in Ohio, where he has lived mostly, and where for eighteen years he was superintendent of the public schools at Columbus. He came to Kansas from Ohio, in August, 1889. He has ever been known in this country as one of her most enlightened educators, being a member of the Council of Education of the United States. He graduated in 1854 from the Madison College, with degree of A. M.—also Ph. D. from Wooster University, Ohio. Dr. Stevenson is a prominent Mason. He has ever been well known for his straight forward system of business, public spirit and general able management.

H. H. Jackman, City Engineer.—H. H. Jackman, although a young man, has been upwards of seventeen years an engineer and surveyor, having followed this calling since he left school. A native of Eastern Ohio, he early turned his attention to mechanical drawing and graduated from Bethany College at Bethany, W. Va., in 1873. He was Deputy County Surveyor in Columbiana County, Ohio, and was also several years in the engineer's department of the City of Cleveland. In 1879 he came to Kansas and was elected County Surveyor of Harper County. He was six years connected with the Missouri Pacific Railroad as draughtsman and assistant engineer. He was construction engineer for two hundred miles of the Fort Scott, Wichita and Western. He was appointed City Engineer of Wichita in April, 1889, and the many city improvements in the sewerage and street system since made have been ably directed by him. He introduced the flush tanks which have proved a most valuable thing in the proper working of the sewerage. He is a member of the Kansas Civil Engineers' Association. He is also a K. of P. and Fraternal Mystic Circle. He has six assistants and runs his affairs in a well ordered and efficient manner.

W. P. McNair, City Clerk.—One of the most progressive public men of Wichita is our present city clerk, W. P. McNair, a native of Morristown, New Jersey. He was connected with the Morris & Essex railroad from 1863 to 1877. He was assistant city treasurer of Newark four years and later became local agent of the Chicago & Atlantic railroad at Chicago. In April 1886, he came to Kansas as superintendent of the St. Louis, Fort Scott & Western. He built the Newton branch and also the line going west from Wichita. In 1889 he took the office of city clerk and has proven a happy choice, admirably suited to the various duties of his position. He was secretary of the Southern Kansas Fair Association this year, the first year it has been a success. He is Past Dictator of the Knights of Honor, Ruler of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, and member of the Coronado Club, etc.

W. P. Moseley, Justice of the Peace, Room 4, over 137 N. Main St.—A review of Wichita's industries and of her substantial and enterprising men would be incomplete, which failed

to give due prominence to the gentleman whose card forms the caption of this sketch. Judge W. P. Moseley came here from Edgar County, Ill., and has lived in Wichita ten years. He has been Justice of the Peace for two years. He is well known here as an alliance leader. He is dictator of the K. of H., Wichita Lodge 528. His name synonymous with the highest principles of probity and honor.

S. L. Barrett, Justice of the Peace, 152 N. Main Street, up stairs.—The above gentleman is a native of Richmond, Jefferson County, Ohio. He received his education at McNealy Normal School. He was also a student at Hagerstown Academy, Ohio, and Franklin College, Athens, Ohio, and was a teacher for over seventeen years. He was appointed engrossing clerk of the Nebraska Senate, and also held the office of County Superintendent of Schools in Platte County, Nebraska. He was revenue store keeper in Ohio, and has an army record surpassed by very few. He served in the Union army in Co. K. 69th Ohio Infantry, for three years and seven months, was wounded five times, and lost a leg. He took part in nineteen battles, and several minor engagements, and it may be readily seen he was no kid-glove soldier. Among others he was in the battle of Chickamauga, and Stone River. He is a member of the G. A. R. and came to this town eight years ago. He is a straight republican out and out and has voted the ticket from Alpha to Omega. Mr. Barrett is a gentleman who stands high in the estimation of all of his fellow citizens and enjoys the respect of all who come in contract with him.

A. N. Kellogg Co., 108-110-112 Second St.—The A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Co., the largest newspaper company in the world, occupies as a branch of their business, nearly the entire ground floor of the Fletcher block on Second and Main St. This firm is the largest ready-print publishers, electrotype and stereotype manufacturers in the United States. The main house is located in Chicago, Ill., with

paper Co. in seeking a point to extend their business, and recognizing the growing importance of the great Southwest of which Wichita is the natural gateway and metropolis, purchased the Wichita Newspaper Union, and at once assumed control. They have already expended \$20,000 in presses, stereotype machinery and other materials necessary for their work, and expect soon to enlarge their plant. The former manager Mr. Gerald Volk of the Wichita Newspaper Union was retained by the new firm, and in this they made a wise choice, as there is no young man in Kansas with a more extended newspaper acquaintance than Mr. Volk. For the past three years he has been press agent for the Kansas State Fair, and for seven years traveled in every section of this state in the interest of the Kansas Newspaper Union. With such a well known corporation as the Kelloggs located here, not only Wichita is benefited, but every newspaper publisher in the Southwest, especially Oklahoma will also be benefited.

Davidson & Case, Lumber Dealers. Office and Yards on Mosley Avenue, between Douglas Avenue and First Street.—Davidson & Case were established in 1886, being successors to John Davidson who started in 1870. Besides their extensive yards at Wichita they have four yards in the Territory. They employ six men in all. The energies of the firm are constantly directed towards supplying the best in their line at the lowest possible prices and their stock can always be depended upon. They are natives of Scotland and New York and are identified with the Masonic Order. The past prosperity of the city is due largely to the enterprise of such men, and the future growth of Wichita as well must depend upon them.

Mahan Bros.—Solomon proclaimed that good wine was life to his body, that it elevated the mind and made the heart glad. When the prohibitionists realize that it is not by stopping the trade in liquors, but by lightening heavy hearts that drunkenness can be uprooted from society, then people will need no pledge of abstinence, but will learn under happier conditions that temperance in all things is necessary to the full enjoyment of life. The Mahan Bros., importing and jobbing house enjoys the confidence of its customers to the fullest extent and handles the best grades of wines, brandies, whiskies, Manitou water, etc. They occupy a splendid building situated on the railroad, three stories high and 140x200 feet in dimensions. They use five wagons to distribute their goods and employ twenty men. They have three traveling men who sell all over Kansas. They are originally from New York and have been in Wichita six years; two years ago they opened an agency for Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. No adulterated goods are allowed a place in stock and this has been the aim since the commencement of the business. They conduct their affairs on a policy at once liberal and honorable.

G. A. Major, The Main Street Grocer, 133 N. Main Street.—Among the firmly established



FLETCHER BLOCK.

branch houses in New York City, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Memphis, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Wichita. November 1, 1890, the Wichita Newspaper Union Co., with Gerald Volk for manager started the house; and November 1, 1891, the A. N. Kellogg News-

grocery houses of Wichita, is that of G. A. Major's popularly known as The Main Street Grocer. He has been ten years in the business in Wichita. The premises occupied are well suited to the business, 25x100 feet. He employs two wagons and two hands. The stock consists of a first-class line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, tobacco and cigars, all of which are sold at prices consistent with fair dealing. Mr. Major was born in New York. Before engaging in the present enterprise he was for many years engaged in the business at Liberty, Mo., in the firm of Major Bros. He is a man of splendid character and an A. O. U. W. and an M. W. A.

Kansas Pump Company.—Kansas is pre-eminent an agricultural state and the sale of all articles peculiar to country life here is large. The demand for water pumps is necessarily large and formerly the supply of them came from the east. Since the Kansas Pump Company organized in the spring of 1888 the people of Kansas have been supplied by a home company, and not only this, but the same home company is now supplying the dealers as far east as the Missouri river. The Kansas Pump Company was organized by Geo. P. Glaze president, and A. Y. Buckeridge manager. Their authorized capital is \$20,000. They have extended their sales into every county in Southern Kansas, and every town in Oklahoma, where their pump is the standard. They have more orders than they have capacity for and as fast as they could, have turned the profits into new plant and machinery. The factory on corner of Fourth and First streets, has a main building, two stories, 40x70 feet. Their store room in the city is 25x100 feet, besides a large yard in the rear. They make it a point to keep on hand a large stock of supplies, so that plumbers and mechanics of every kind, can get tools and supplies without delay on demand. The wooden pump they make is the best in the market and every one sold is guaranteed. They sell direct and also have agents in all the principal towns. They employ twenty men in the factory and travel themselves. Mr. Glaze is a gentleman of superior business talent and attends closely to his affairs, while Mr. Buckeridge as manager is the right man in the right place.

E. W. Wilhite, Real Estate and Loans, Getto Building.—One of Wichita's most active and responsible real estate men is E. W. Wilhite. Mr. W. has been in business here over ten years and has ever been a prominent figure in advancing the general interests and bettering the condition of the city. A native of the state of Illinois he served the Union in the One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois and has lived in Kansas fifteen years. He has choice farms, stock ranches and city property for sale. He loans money on real estate or other security. He is a notary public.

Daniels Bros..—Among the representative establishments here should be mentioned that of Daniels Bros., dealers in new and second-hand furniture. Established here three years

they moved eighteen months ago into their present commodious apartments at 409 and 411 E. Douglas avenue. Their establishment is 50x120 feet, replete with one of the largest assortments of furniture to be found in the West. It comprises drawing-room sets, dining-room and bed-room sets, carpets, matings, sofas, stoves, ranges, queensware, etc. They do an extensive second-hand business and sell on the installment plan at prices so reasonable as to have gained for the house the reputation of being the cheapest in the city. Few houses can show so successful a career or have obtained so wide-spread a reputation for courtesy and liberal policy. Both are young men, natives of West Virginia, and came to Wichita three years ago, and are recognized amongst the foremost of her business men.

Hotel Goodyear.—Probably no feature of a community is more conducive to a favorable impression among casual visitors than that represented by hotel accommodations. The Hotel Goodyear, located at the southwest corner of Douglas and Emporia avenues, is one of the most desirable for those who do not care to go to the first-class hotels. It is a handsome building two stories high 75x120 feet, and containing twenty comfortable rooms. Mr. Glisby is the enterprising manager, having taken charge three years ago. The hotel is furnished throughout in exceedingly good taste. The terms are \$1.00 to \$1.50. Mr. C. H. Piper, who has lived here seven years, bears a splendid character, and by able management has secured a large and fast increasing custom.

L. C. Jackson, Coal.—In giving an authentic history of the business interests of Wichita, we must not omit mention the extensive coal interests of L. C. Jackson, 112 South Fourth Avenue. Mr. J. has steadily followed this enterprise for the last twelve years in this city, and the favorable facilities he has obtained in purchasing, and the rates on freight he has secured, have enabled him to offer to the trade coal at the most satisfactory rates to be secured anywhere. He sells south and west and carries in stock, on tracks and in warehouse combined, from seventy-five to one hundred carloads all the time. He handles such coals as Anthracite, Canon City, Osage City and Frontenac, (the last being a specialty) that, for manufacturing and family use, is superior in many respects to all other coal on the market. He has ten wagons for city trade. He is also Southwestern agent for Michigan and Kansas plaster and carries the largest stock west of Missouri river. He also handles stone, sewer pipes, lime, plaster, hair, Louisville and Portland cement and all kinds of building materials. His yards comprise several lots on the Santa Fe track. Mr. Jackson is a gentleman too well known to the community at large to need personal mention in this sketch.

Carey Hotel.—It is with pride that we direct attention to the well known "Carey Hotel." Opened in January, 1888, it now without any doubt ranks first among the hotels of Kansas. It is six stories high, built of brick and granite

and containing 130 rooms, furnished in the most tasty and elegant style, with elevator, billiard hall, etc., etc., lighted up with gas, electric lights, steam radiators, making the halls in cold weather as warm and comfortable as the interior of the rooms, in fact all the very latest improvements. The rotunda, stairway, and dining room are hard wood finish of light ash, panel wainscoting. The frescoing is flat relief compo and Queen Ann style of decorative



fresco art. The dining room is seated for 100 people. It is situated not the orthodox five minutes from the R. R. depot, but even nearer, being on the corner of Douglas and Carey (called after the proprietor) Avenues and one block from the Union Depot. Jno. B. Carey, the proprietor, has been seventeen years in Wichita and made most of his large fortune in this State. The hotel is under the direct management of Messrs. Stough and Carey (a son). Mr. Stough is an old New York hotel man, and it is largely through his efforts that the hotel has reached that perfection of elegance, comfort and popularity for which it is famed. Mr. Carey has been in Kansas thirteen years, and is a young gentleman who stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

Dickey & McAlister, Wholesale Commission and Merchandise Brokers. H. H. McAlister, Manager, 410 East Douglas Avenue.—Conspicuous among the business houses of Wichita is that of Dickey & McAlister, established September 1889. The premises occupied are 25x120. Five employees are required. This firm does an extensive business as wholesale commission and merchandise brokers. Their references in Wichita are Dunn's Mercantile Agency and State National Bank. Mr. Dickey came here from Iowa and has been here five years in the business. Mr. H. H. McAlister, manager, late proprietor of the

Wichita Produce Company, has been twelve years in the business in Wichita. He came here from Indiana and is identified with the Masons.

J. A. Wallace, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Farm Machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Etc., 308 and 310 Douglas Avenue.—Among the old established and representative business houses of this city, is that of J. A. Wallace's, founded in 1878. His premises comprise a large, well-appointed warehouse, where is displayed a heavy stock of implements as well as an unrivaled assortment of light and heavy carriages. Four salesmen are employed, and the voluminous trade extends through a vast scope of territory. Mr. Wallace was born in Missouri. He is a Freemason, and has long been numbered among the representative, and most highly respected, business houses.

E. Z. Hoffman, Druggist and Pharmacist, 138 North Main Street.—In speaking of a house so widely known and holding so strong a position in the trade as E. Z. Hoffman, we cannot hope to add anything to its standing and reputation. Yet our purpose to make this work a valuable review of the jobbing and business interests of Wichita and surrounding districts makes it our pleasant duty to say a few words with regard to the history and present position of this popular house. The business was established in 1886, by Messrs. Gray & Hoffman, two years later Mr. Hoffman bought his partner out. The premises are 25x70 feet. Two assistants are employed and a full line of drugs, medicines, paints and oils are always on hand. The stock averages about \$4,000 and the turnover about \$7,000 per annum. The appearance of the store is materially increased by a large and handsome soda fountain. Mr. Hoffman hails from Maytown, Pa., and has been in Wichita since 1884. His name is a guarantee that all business transacted with the house will be to the benefit of both buyer and seller.

Brooks & Coffin, Attorneys at Law, Zimmerman Building, Rooms 37, 38 and 39.—Of the many prominent names which go to make up the strength of the Wichita bar, few command more respect, esteem and confidence than the above. Mr. C. H. Brooks was born in California. He has been practicing seven years in all—four in Wichita. He is a Mason. Mr. Chas. F. Coffin was born in Indiana; he studied law with Judge Alexander Dowling of Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He graduated with all possible honors in 1881 from the De Pauw University, Greencastle County, Ind. Mr. Coffin was the first Greencastle student to take the Indiana State prize in oratory; also the first Indiana man to take the Inter-state prize. This firm has fine offices in the Zimmerman building and one of the finest law libraries in town. With their combined experience, knowledge and ability, the firm has ever proven a distinguished acquisition to Wichita.

Sankey, Campbell & Amidon, Lawyers.—The law firm of Sankey, Campbell & Amidon stands in the front rank of the Kansas bar and

commands a large and lucrative practice. R. A. Sankey is a native of Pennsylvania. After being admitted to the bar he practiced law in his native place, but moved to Iowa in 1864, and has since practiced there until four years ago, when he came to Kansas. Mr. S. is an extensive property owner, and a perfect encyclopedia of law. I. P. Campbell is also a native of Pennsylvania and has been a resident of Kansas for twelve years. He is an able lawyer and jurist, and has received public recognition as a delegate to various conventions. Mr. S. B. Amidon, who is a young man of much push and enterprise, was born in Ohio, and has been practicing law in the west for six years. These gentlemen occupy as offices five handsomely fitted up rooms. They own one of the largest libraries in the state. They are everywhere known as talented, hard working practical thinkers, who are conscientious in the furtherance of the interests confided to their care.

Adams & Adams, Attorneys at Law.—Few cases come before the courts here that do not find one or other of these lawyers on a side. Mr. John W. Adams was admitted to the bar at Bloomfield, Iowa, in 1877. He is a leading member of the K. of P. Mr. George W. Adams was admitted to the bar at Centerville, Iowa, in 1880. He is a Mason, and is attorney for the Wichita Loan and Trust Company. They came to Wichita in 1884, and have since built for themselves a clientage including the wealth and financial worth of the city. They do a very large commercial business, and are members of the leading mercantile agencies. Ardent and enthusiastic, their success is due to their zeal in prosecuting the business entrusted to their care.

Noah Allen, Attorney at Law, Rooms 16 and 17, Fletcher Building.—A native of Savannah, Missouri. Noah Allen studied law and was admitted to the bar at Sedalia, Missouri, May 17th, 1876, where he practiced, two years, and first came to Wichita in April, 1878. He later spent five years in Denver, but returned to his former love, in 1887. Mr. Allen is a practical thinker, and well read lawyer and enjoys a fine business, more especially in real estate and insurance law, to the study of which he has given much time. He is attorney for numerous large firms and corporations. He is well assisted by Chas. H. Parker as stenographer and typewriter, who has just been admitted to the bar. He is vice-president of the National Citizens Industrial Alliance—also one of the national organizers. He is well known throughout the state as a lecturer on economic and reform questions of the day.

O. H. & J. C. Bentley, Lawyers.—The practice of law calls into requisition more variety of talent than any other business or profession. The above firm is conceded to stand in the front rank of the Kansas bar. O. H. Bentley, the senior member of the firm, is a native of New York, and went to Ohio when he was in his nineteenth year. He was admitted to the bar in Columbus, Ohio, in 1872 and practiced

there until he came to Wichita in 1880. He is now serving his second term ('89-'92) as Senator, being elected to that office in 1888. He is Chairman of Committee of Cities of First Class and on Committees of Municipal Indebtedness, Federal Relations, Engrossed Bills, State Affairs, and Judiciary. He was one of the projectors and builders of the Kansas Midland now part of the Frisco, and has built no less than thirty-two residences in this city. He is an eloquent speaker and commands the attention and respect of his listeners. He is also a hard worker and great thinker. His younger brother, J. C. Bentley, was born in the same State as his brother, and practiced there till 1882, when he came to this city. Close study combined with an indomitable energy have placed him in the front. Their offices are well located on East Douglas Avenue, in the central portion of the city.

B. L. Keenan, Attorney at Law, Justice of the Peace, 140 N. Main St., up stairs.—The subject of this sketch was born and raised on a farm in Monongalia County, West Virginia. He received a common school education and taught two years in a country school. Ambitious for a higher education, he entered the University of West Virginia from which he graduated in 1880. He was two years county superintendent of the schools of Monongalia County, West Virginia; two years superintendent of the city schools of Piedmont, West Virginia, and one year principal of the grammar school of Crete, Nebraska. He studied law in the mean time and graduated from the law department of the University of West Virginia in 1885; and in the same year was admitted before the Supreme Court of Appeals of his native state to practice his profession. He has been a Justice of the Peace two years. He is a K. of P. He is well read and has made extensive investigations in scientific studies as a pastime.

J. R. H. King, Pension Agent, 205 N. Main.—Mr. King is a native of Sangamon County, Illinois. He has been well known as one of the enterprising and successful pension claim agents of Wichita for nearly four years. He does a tremendous business, owing to the many facilities he has for handling the work in a masterly manner. Mr. King is a lawyer by profession, and formerly practiced law and pensions for five years at Springfield, Ills. He belongs to the Knights of Honor. He is highly esteemed in social and commercial circles and numbered among the representative business men of Wichita.

A. A. Glenn, Pension Agent and Notary Public, Room 11, 205 North Main Street.—The Hon. A. A. Glenn for the better part of half a century has been engaged in the noble calling of pension agent, gaining for those who gave their best energies to defend our country, what rightfully belongs to them. Born in Kentucky Judge G. was reared in Illinois, and first opened a pension office in 1848 in Ripley, Illinois. His clients were then Mexican war men. As a young man he was a printer and editor; also

taught school, and in 1852 settled at Mt. Sterling. He was then circuit court clerk and superintendent of public instruction, and at the same time a retail merchant, banker and pork packer. He was delegate to the Illinois constitutional convention in 1862; he was four years a member of the state board of equalization. In 1872 he was elected to the state senate and was president of the same; he served one term as lieutenant Governor. He was admitted to the bar in 1857. In 1878 he came to Kansas and has since enjoyed the best of health. Judge Glenn is an honorable gentleman and has not yet lost a proper pension claim placed in his hands.

Wm. J. Hutchins, Patent Attorney and Solicitor, Expert Mechanical Engineer and Draftsman, Rooms 11 and 12 Firebaugh Block, 154 Market Street.—It is all important in this age of enterprise and invention, to have in a metropolis a thoroughly reliable patent attorney, and in this respect Wichita is favored in Mr. Wm. J. Hutchins, who as an expert mechanical engineer and draftsman has had fourteen years of practical experience, and thus he gets all the business in and around this city, and the southwest. He filed 118 cases in his office last year. Full reports of patents to date. Preliminary examinations made. Mr. Hutchins is a native of Illinois, and has been patent attorney for fourteen years. He studied with his brother (a graduate from Chicago) and came here from Joliet, Illinois, where he was raised. He is held in high estimation by the community, and has established an enviable reputation among his fellows.

J. F. D. Casey, Attorney at Law, Rooms 9 and 10, Firebaugh Building, 154 N. Market St.—The above gentleman is one of the most influential at the bar of this city. He has been practicing law in Wichita four years and came here from Jefferson County, Ohio. He is a K. of P. During the war he was commissioned a recruiting officer August 10, 1864; studied law under Gen. Potts, of Thirty-second Ohio Infantry (afterwards brigadier-general); also with Mr. Scott and Mr. O'Connell, of Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He gives attention to cases involving medico-legal questions, having graduated in medicine in 1870 from the medical department of the Wooster University, Cleveland, Ohio, and practiced medicine till '83. He occupies two well furnished rooms, 9 and 10, Firebaugh building, 154 N. Market street.

Dean Gordon, Attorney and Counselor at Law, 203 N. Main Street.—Representative among the well-known lawyers of Wichita is Dean Gordon, 203 N. Main Street. He was born in Virginia and studied at Baltimore, Md. He was admitted to the bar in his native State, when he removed to Edwardsville, Ill., and came to Wichita in January, 1887. He is attorney here for the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage and Trust Co., the Farmer Loan and Trust Co., the N. E. Loan and Trust Co., Wilson & Toms Investment Co., St. Louis, and other concerns of equal importance. He is a gentleman of

scholarly attainments and gives abundant promise of an extremely brilliant future.

Henry A. Clifford, Attorney at Law, Rooms 3 and 4, Fechheimer Building.—One of the most intelligent and vigorous lawyers in Wichita is Henry A. Clifford. He studied law with C. F. Ketteridge, of Boston, and was admitted to the bar of Suffolk County, Mass., nine years ago. He is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F., and has been practicing five years in Wichita. Mr. Clifford is among the brightest minds at this bar, and in every way has proven himself a useful member of the community.

W. Irving Osborne, Attorney at Law, Room 18 and 19 Zimmerly Building.—Among the names which have acquired prominence on the wings of Wichita's prosperity is W. Irving Osborne who was born in New York. His handsomely appointed offices are eligibly located at rooms 18 and 19 Zimmerly building. He was admitted to the bar seven years ago and has since been practicing with great success. He is well known here as the efficient captain of the National Guards. Captain Osborne is well read in the details of law, while it is considered very safe to place cases in his hands.

W. H. Bridenbaugh, Rooms 5 and 7, 205 N. Main Street.—A prominent young attorney of Wichita who by his own energies has pushed himself to the front rank is W. H. Bridenbaugh. Mr. B. is a native of Pennsylvania, graduated from the Franklin-Marshall College in 1881, and studied law with H. M. Baldrige, at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, being admitted in 1884. He has pleasant offices at 205 north Main, up-stairs, and has a well selected collection of books. These he has ever made the best use of and is considered with no superiors of his age, both as a court room and office lawyer. He does a general practice in state and federal courts.

James Furnock, Attorney at Law, Rooms 18 and 19, Zimmerly Building.—Graduated in 1890 from the Union College of Law, Chicago. He is a hard worker, practical thinker and is thoroughly conscientious in the furtherance of the interests placed under his charge.

John H. Ash, Attorney at Law and Notary Public, over 116 N. Market Street.—He is a native of Pennsylvania and was raised in Gettysburg. He came here from Indiana and studied law in Ohio, being admitted to the Supreme Courts in that State in 1856. He practices in Federal and all the State Courts and is also Pension Agent. Loans negotiated on farm, city and chattel property, long or short time, and at reasonable rates. Real Estate in every part of the country for sale and exchange. Merchandise stocks of every variety, and all kinds of live stock for sale and exchange. Collections promptly made in all parts of the Union. Bonds, stocks and local securities bought and sold. Correspondence solicited. He belongs to the G. A. R. and served in the 97th Ohio Infantry.

Lieurance & Jackson, Attorneys at Law, 151 N. Main St.—Prominent among those names which lend to the substantiality of the Wichita bar, is that of Lieurance & Jackson. S. D. Lieurance has been known in Sedgwick County for seven years and was admitted to the bar in May, 1887. He is U. S. Commissioner. Mr. A. B. Jackson has lived in Kansas eight years and was admitted two years ago. They prosecute their cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for them the respect of the fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Morris & Rood, Attorneys at Law, 137 N. Main St.—W. A. Morris has been practicing here five years. He studied law with Mills & Gardner, of Washington Court House, Ohio; graduated in 1881 from the literary department, Adrian College, Michigan, and was admitted in Ohio in 1883. G. B. Rood was born in Galveston, Texas. He studied in Bloomington, Ill., graduating and being admitted at same time and place as his partner. These gentlemen are diligent in working at their cases and well read in the details of law.

Edwin White Moore, Attorney, Rooms 302 and 304 Sedgwick Block.—One of the best known names at the Kansas bar and one of the leading and solid men of Wichita, is he who forms the subject of this brief sketch. Edwin White Moore was born in Pennsylvania. He read law with W. J. McElroy, of Philadelphia, graduated in 1870 from Princeton college, New Jersey, and was admitted in Philadelphia in 1872. He practiced ten years in Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. Moore is president of the Wichita Bar Association and is a member of the Coronado Club. He is generally recognized as an intelligent and substantial man, thoroughly versed in law and is an example of the much doubted fact that honorable men can make good lawyers.

James J. Parks, Attorney at Law, Rooms 504 and 506, Sedgwick Block.—The bar of Wichita is noted for its large number of successful lawyers. Mr. Parks was born in Rock Island, Illinois. He studied with congressman W. H. Gest of Rock Island. He was admitted to the bar September, 1874, and has been doing a lucrative practice in Wichita for five years. He has a happy knack of making friends of the best people wherever he goes. He is an experienced and energetic lawyer of acknowledged ability.

W. J. Skelton, Attorney at Law.—One of the hard working members of the bar is W. J. Skelton. He has practiced law here during the last three years and has made a good name for himself. He is a graduate of Milton College, Wisconsin, and studied law in East Saginaw, Michigan, and also with Judge Benson, Ottawa, Kansas. He was admitted to practice law in this city, and is an honorable member of the bar association. Mr. Skelton is generously endowed with talents requisite to the attainment of a prominent place in his profession, and makes friends of the best people.

Carpenter & Irwin, Attorneys at Law, Fletcher Building, Rooms 7 and 8; Telephone 263.—One of Wichita's most reliable law firms is that of Carpenter & Irwin, who though comparatively young at this bar, enjoy a steadily increasing practice. A. T. Carpenter is a native of Ohio and twenty years in practice. He came to Wichita in '84 and went to handling real estate with his own means. He came back into the folds of the law fraternity when he associated himself with Mr. Irwin, in October, '89. He is a member of the Masonic order. C. M. Irwin is a progressive young man. Born in Illinois, he graduated in law from the University of Michigan in 1888. Before that he went through the College of Illinois and also was at Bryant & Stratton's Business School in Chicago. He is a K. of P., and came to Wichita in '89. The firm are members of the State Bar Association, and make a specialty of real estate litigation and the settling of loans.

John D. Davis, Attorney at Law, 113 North Main St.—Of the many names which make up the strength of the bar of this city is that of John D. Davis. Born in Pennsylvania, he was admitted to the bar in Pottsville and landed in Wichita the 20th of April, 1885. From a few clients his practice has rapidly grown in a manner flattering to his popularity and his knowledge of law. Mr. Davis is a student and a speaker, and becomes enthusiastic before a jury. He has been sought after for political honors, but prefers to attend to his business, which now reaches into all the State and Federal courts, on both the civil and criminal docket. Personally he is pleasant, genial and is an aid to Wichita's standing and prosperity.

Singer Manufacturing Company, A. C. Singleton, Manager.—The Singer sewing machine is known to the entire civilized world, and is probably the most useful invention of our century. The Singer Company has been the pioneer in introducing the sewing machine into the homes of all civilized nations and have thus done probably more to ameliorate the condition and make more human happiness and comfort, than any other corporation. They stand in every way far ahead of all competitors and sell about as many machines every year, as all the other concerns in the business together. Their main works are at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and Glasgow, Scotland. The office at Wichita is under A. C. Singleton, as competent and efficient a man as is in the business. Mr. S. is originally a St. Louis man where he first started with the Singer, and has been fifteen years with them altogether. He has been three years manager in Wichita, and has run things in a masterly manner, sales having each year shown an immense increase over the year before. He has a handsome store on Main street 25x80 feet, and carries a complete stock of machines, and machine parts. The Singer manufacture all kinds of machines, for light family use, dressmakers shoemakers, mattress and clothing factories, shirt makers, etc. They fit up machines to be run by electricity or steam

power. Mr. Singleton has thirty-five local agents in his territory, which extends from Eureka on the east to Dodge City on the west. He has twenty-five wagons in the territory. He is a live and reliable worker, and the success of the famous Singer is well confided to his hands, in Southern Kansas.

"The Enterprise," Wholesale and Retail Books, Fancy Goods, Notions, Furnishing Goods, etc., A. Gluick, Proprietor, 152 North Main Street.—"The Enterprise," as its name denotes is essentially one of those live go-ahead concerns, for which America, and more particularly the western states, are so famed. The business was established, by Mr. Gluick, on May 1st. 1886, at 109 East Douglas Avenue, and moved to its present location in February, 1889. The store is 28x125 feet and is full to the ceiling of every thing which comes under the head of fancy goods and notions, and with numerous other things which don't. Mr. Gluick has some exceedingly handsome specimens of art embroidery well worth the attention of those engaged in furnishing and beautifying their homes. "The Enterprise" carries a stock of from \$10,000 to \$12,000, does a yearly business of about \$35,000 and engages ten assistants. It is a credit to the city and to its proprietors.

Boaz & Gill, Undertakers and Embalmers, 327 E. Douglas Avenue.—The interest and importance that attach to all matters that pertain to obsequies and interments of late years in the United States, has resulted in developing the calling of the undertaker to the plane of a regular profession, while some branches of the business, notably embalming, are now conducted upon exact scientific principles. Among the most popular members of the profession in this part of the country are Messrs. Boaz and Gill, whose well ordered and commodious establishment is located at 327 E. Douglas Avenue. This business was established with the town, by J. H. Holmes who conducted it up to two years ago, when he was succeeded by S. S. Boaz, who was joined in February, 1890, by I. W. Gill, who is a Mason and belongs to the Fraternal Aid Society. The store contains a full line of coffins, caskets, trimmings, grave-cloths and everything comprised in funeral requisites. Two handsome hearses are kept, and all orders by telephone (182) are promptly attended to. Mr. Boaz was born in Indiana, and was successfully engaged in undertaking there for six years. He is a prominent member of the K. of P., Woodmen and F. A. S. He re-organized the Undertakers State Association two years ago; he was also president of this body. Mr. Gill was born in Ohio, and has been in the West seven years. Their strict probity in business dealings, their push and untiring industry, well merits the success attending their efforts.

Peerless Steam Laundry.—The Peerless Steam Laundry was established in April, 1889, and have in that time built up a trade extending all over the country. The building is 25x150 feet and fifteen hands are employed. An

engine of eight horse power is found not at all too large too meet the requirements of their increasing business. The establishment is under the management of Mr. W. W. Finton, who gives all work his immediate supervision. Mr. Finton is a native of Michigan, and has been in Wichita three years and a half. This necessarily brief sketch does but scant justice to the services of the establishment; however, we are sure, that all transactions with Mr. Finton will be found to be conducted by him on principles of moderate charges, fair dealing and prompt and thorough discharge of all work incurred.

Singer & Co., Dealers in New and Second Hand Goods on Easy Payments; 233 N. Main Street.—Among Wichita's solid and enterprising business men are I. N. Singer and J. T. Donnell, dealers in new and second hand goods. They started here five years ago and by industry and push built up quite a thriving business. By judicious investment in real estate they have acquired good improved property in the city. Their main store, at 233 N. Main street, is 25x140 feet. They have also branch stores on Emporia avenue and at 522 E. Douglas. In the three they carry a stock of some \$10,000, consisting of new and second hand household goods of all kinds, to be purchased at prices defying competition. They employ five hands. Mr. S. is a native of Pennsylvania and passed his early life in Johnstown, Pa. Mr. D. is a native of Missouri, and was raised on a farm near St. Louis. They exhibit splendid taste in purchasing goods and from the large variety they carry, if you are in search of something nice for the house don't fail to call on them. Great inducements for those wishing to sell anything in the line of second hand goods.

The Wichita Produce Co., Jobbers of Foreign and California Fruits, 125 North Market Street.—This business was established four years ago, but only moved into the present place of business, 125 North Market Street, three years ago. The firm is composed of J. L. Johnson and W. M. Frazier. Mr. J. was born in Missouri. Mr. Frazier is a native of Kentucky, served in the Confederate army and spent two years in a Union prison. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. The premises are 25x140 feet; ten hands are required in the business, and the stock averages \$8,000 with a turnover of about \$125,000 a year. Everything in their line is to be found in the store, but the firm make a special effort on fruits, winter apples, potatoes and foreign and California fruits.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company.—In listing the business enterprises which contribute much to the importance of this prosperous city, mention must be made of the renowned Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, which is in connection with the Commercial (Mackay-Bennett) cables. The great conveniences of this company are so well known to the many patrons that it becomes unnecessary to dwell on them at length in this short article. We would rather call attention to the manage-

ment of the city office, which, since opening in May, 1890, necessitates the employment of three operators and two boys. Mr. C. H. Shell, manager, was born in Ohio and raised in Illinois. He has been in the telegraph business twelve years in all, formerly in the B. & O. three years and in the W. U. Tel. Co. and night manager of Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. in Kansas City for three years. His success as manager has been great. He is clear-headed and energetic—entirely worthy of success.

The Wichita Gas, Electric Light and Power Co., 116 N. Market St.—Among those solid corporations which help in such a substantial manner to maintain the prosperous "Queen City" of Kansas, is her Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. The facilities this wealthy corporation has for successfully supplying their numerous customers with gas and electric light are of a very unusual order. The officers are: Henry C. Scott, president and treasurer, No. 421 Olive St., St. Louis; Geo. A. Madill, vice president; Chas. E. Sharpe, secretary; Robert Darney, superintendent. Mr. Chas. E. Sharpe, secretary, who presides at the up-town office (116 N. Market) is a native of Kentucky. He was formerly engaged in banking. He is a member of the Coronado Club. The success which the company has achieved from its organization is largely due to him and the other members.

L. C. Topping, Wholesale Agent for Calcasieu Long Leaf Yellow Pine Lumber, Zimmerly Building.—In giving Wichita's capabilities for supplying the demands made upon her by the surrounding country, we must not omit mention of the extensive lumber interest, represented by L. C. Topping who has been here three years. He has been well known in lumber circles for seven years. At the present time he is the energetic representative of Lutch & Moore, of Orange, Texas, being their wholesale agent for the celebrated Long Leaf Yellow Pine lumber. He is a native of Massachusetts, and formerly lived twenty years in St. Louis in the fancy goods business. During the war he was engaged at the paymaster's office St. Louis, immediately after which he went into the paint and oil business in St. Louis. He has always practiced those principles of fairness and liberality which are bound to hold and make more custom.

J. E. Keeler, Agent Adams, Southern and Texas Express Companies, 120 North Market Street.—Among the many branches of business carried on in communities, there are none that contribute more to the general convenience than the express business. Mr. J. E. Keeler is the representative in Wichita of the Adams, Southern and Texas express companies. He is a native of Wisconsin and has lived in Kansas six years. He is prominently identified with the K. of P. He is thoroughly *en rapport* with the business and has achieved by positive merit the responsible position he now holds. It is largely owing to his management that the companies he represents have met with such success in this section.

John W. Walters, Loan Office, Rooms 3 and 4 Fechheimer Block.—Among the most respected men engaged in business in Wichita, is John W. Walters. He is the successor to Spalton & Walters, and has been established three years. Mr. Walters has unlimited quantities of money to loan, and the fair and equitable terms offered, have drawn to the office a highly desirable patronage. He deals in first class farm and city mortgages, and also gives attention to collecting mortgages for non-resident holders, and can give best of references. He was born in England, and has been twenty years in America; he is a Freemason. Much credit should be attached to the efforts of such an ably conducted concern as his, to promote the welfare of the community, and with his perfect facilities and influential connections, he is on the threshold of further success in the future.

Keystone House, J. D. Schollenberger, Proprietor, 228½ North Main Street.—A recently established hostelry, and a very popular one with all classes, is the Keystone House, which



has been under the present proprietor since 1889, since which time the house has enjoyed a fine reputation as a desirable stopping place. Citizens and strangers coming to Wichita will save money by stopping at this house. Centrally located, with nicely furnished rooms at reduced rates. Meals 20 cents, \$3.00 per week. The dining room seats sixty persons at one time. There are twenty-eight bed rooms and twelve hands are required. 260 meals a day are served. Mr. J. D. Schollenberger was born in Pennsylvania. He is an A. O. U. W. and served in the war in the 52nd Pennsylvania infantry. He is an able manager, whose well directed efforts in the promotion of the guests' comfort are substantially appreciated.

C. J. Fletcher, Grocer, 246 N. Main St.—Among the business which form the basis of the commercial wealth and importance of this prosperous trade center, is C. J. Fletcher's, 246 North Main Street, established January, 1890. The premises are 25x100 feet in extent. The stock carried embraces a complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries, country produce, etc. Four hands are required in the store. Mr. Fletcher was born in Canada. He formerly lived twenty years in St. Joseph, Mo., and was engaged there for thirteen years with Sommer-Richardson. Mr. Fletcher is not 30 years of age, and is justly considered the most go-ahead young man in the grocery trade here.

Kansas Star.—The above entered on the tide of journalism November 23rd, 1890, when it took the old *Journal* plant. It has been received both by the press and public with every mark of approbation and good will. It is of no professed politics but will endeavor to give the very latest news, and obtain a hold upon the public mind by its fearless independence, and the high character of its critiques and literary articles. It is an eight page, six column, paper, issued Sundays. The *Star* is printed on a Babcock cylinder press. Over 3,000 subscriptions are already entered on the books. The publishers are S. A. Harburg and Nellie M. Amidon. The career of the *Kansas Star* during its brief span of existence, offers an example of what can be achieved by determination and enterprise, in conjunction with brains and ability. It is eminently suited to the wants of the farmer, the mechanic and the business man, and we anticipate that it is destined to be the newspaper par excellence of Kansas.

Kansas & Texas Coal Co., Coal and Coke, 618 East Douglas Avenue.—One of the best known establishments in Wichita, in its branch of industry, is the Kansas and Texas Coal Company. This large corporation does a heavy wholesale and retail business. Anthracite, Pittsburg, Weir City, Colorado, Arkansas, Leavenworth, Indian Territory. The facilities they have for successfully conducting the business are of a very complete character, enabling them to offer their numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate. Mr. Wilbur F. Stout, sales agent, was born in Michigan. He has ten employes under him at the Wichita office. He is a K. T. Mason, and has had fifteen years experience in the coal business. He is a clear headed and energetic business man, amply qualified for the conscientious position of manager.

Tucker's Short Order Restaurant and Lunch Counter, 113 N. Main St.—Mr. Tucker has been four years in the business and employs six hands. Short orders are a specialty. Open day and night. Regular dinner 25 cents; served from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. The facilities Mr. Tucker has for successfully conducting the business are of a very complete character. He is a native of Ohio and is the proprietor of Tucker's fruit farm (150 acres) near the city, where, during the busy season, he employs

forty hands, and from which he supplies the leading Wichita groceries. He has handled fruit ever since his boyhood.

G. Gehring, Prescription Druggist, N. E. Cor. Douglas and Topeka Avenues.—If we wished to single out some one individual store which would show the tone of Wichita and the standing of her retail trade, G. Gehring's is one we would choose. The proprietor is one of our solid men and has had an experience of the drug business since he was 14 years of age. His premises are 25x60 feet. Three hands are required. The stock of drugs is as complete as will be found in a wholesale house; also all patent medicines and the finest line of perfumery, toilet necessities and fancy articles in town. The prescription department is in the hands of old experienced pharmacists. Physicians' supplies a specialty. Orders by mail solicited. Mr. Gehring was born in Baden, Germany. He was in the drug business twenty years in Ottawa, Ills. He was formerly president of the Wichita Cracker Company.

Wm. Crow & Co., Dealers in Real Estate and City Property, 114 North Market Street.—One of the prominent and representative city enterprises in its important branch of commercial activity, is that of Wm. Crow & Co., 114 North Market Street, established nine years. All descriptions of city and suburban realty is bought, sold and rented, and a general collection business is done. They have special bargains in farm property near the city. We have a large list of improved farms in this and adjoining counties. Raw land and city property sold cheap and on easy terms. Houses to rent, rents collected and taxes paid. Correspondence solicited. Wm. Crow, notary public, and his son A. J. Crow are from West Virginia. They lived many years in Illinois and have lived sixteen years in Wichita. They are highly respected and esteemed in local town circles and numbered among the best of Wichita's business men.

Alex. Steel & Son, Dealers in Hardware, 117 North Main Street.—An intelligently conducted enterprise in Wichita is that of Alex. Steel & Son. The senior member has been in the business thirty-six years for himself, and came to Wichita six years ago from Rock Island, Illinois. The ample premises occupied are two stories high, 25x140 feet, with shop on the second floor. They carry a \$20,000 stock, comprising hardware, Universal cook stoves and ranges, pumps, mechanics' tools and tinware. Special attention given to job work; all kinds of roofing. The firm does a retail and jobbing business. They employ from ten to twelve men. Mr. Steel was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He is a pillar of the city's strength and prosperity. He has taken the thirty-second degree of the Wichita Consistory. His son, Geo. T. Steel, is an enterprising young man. The house is justly known as an honorable and fair one, and one which promptly attends to all orders.

Edward Benn, Wholesale Lumber, Posts and Piling, 208 Sedgwick Building.—This enterprising gentleman has had nine years' experience in the business. The lumber yards and planing mills, which are located in Arkansas, cover a very large area. Mr. Benn's specialties are lumber (wholesale), posts and piling, for the supplying of which to his numerous patrons he offers unusual advantages. All articles turned out at the mills are made of well-seasoned material. Mr. Benn was born in New Brunswick. He is practically skilled in every detail of the lumber business and is amply qualified for conducting the enterprise with ever increasing success.

Hazen & Rogers, Wholesale and Commission Lumber.—The office of Messrs. Hazen & Rogers is centrally located in Israel block, North Market Street. They represent reliable manufacturers for the sale of almost everything in the lumber business, (both yellow and white pine) also lath, shingles, lime and hair. They are manufacturers' agents solely, and orders placed with them will be filled as cheap and as promptly as if sent to the mills. They will sell a car load or a train load and make a specialty of mixed cars of different items, thus saving the local freights. They are agents for well known brands of lime and can load mixed cars at kilns to include lime, Michigan plaster, Louisville cement, (in barrels) and plastering hair, if desired. The firm is composed of W. L. Hazen and E. R. Rogers, and with the facilities which we have briefly enumerated, the great success of the house is not at all mysterious. Mr. Hazen is a native of Cincinnati and has been in Wichita since 1875. Mr. Rogers was born in Wisconsin.

Mrs. M. Klentz, Wholesale and Retail Milliner, 153 North Main Street. The millinery business in Wichita has a very strong representative in Mrs. M. Klentz, established 1876. She does a heavy wholesale and retail business. The premises occupied are two stories high, 25x100 feet in extent, and handsomely furnished. She employs from four to six hands. She deals in bonnets, hats, ribbons, laces, flowers and the latest and most approved styles of millinery; also human hair goods and fancy goods. Mrs. Klentz came to America twenty-five years ago from Mecklenburg, Germany; she learned her business in the old country. She is thoroughly *en rapport* with her business and has achieved by positive merit a very high and substantial position.

The Leader, Published by the Forest City Printing Company, Rooms 11-13, 220 N. Main St.—Among the well-conducted and prosperous business concerns in Wichita is that of G. W. Collings, printer and publisher. The well ordered premises are equipped with the latest appliances, a large force of hands being employed. The Forest City Printing Co. publish *The Leader*, one of the most readable monthlies in the West. Mr. Collings is a native of Indiana. He is a lawyer by profession and practiced fifteen years. He studied law with Judge T. Scott, of Indiana, and Judge Wm.

Mack, of Indiana. He has been eight years in his present business in Kansas and Indiana.

E. A. Whitlock, M. D.—As a leading exponent of general surgery Dr. Whitlock is worthy of mention in a review of our foremost professional men. He was born in Iowa and graduated at Pulte (Homeopathic) Medical College in Cincinnati, in 1875. He practiced in Iowa till 1882, when he came to Wichita. He makes a specialty of the eye, ear and general surgery, and it may be truly said that he is in love with his profession. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., A. F. and A. M., Sons of Herman, Turners, etc. He has five handsomely furnished rooms fitted up with the very latest appliances and instruments. He is regarded as the best specialist in his line in the city. He counts his friends by the hundreds both in business and social circles.

E. H. Creditor, Dentist; Vitalized Air Administered; Office over 144 N. Main St.; Residence 626 N. Topeka Avenue.—Dr. E. H. Creditor is a native of Allen County, Indiana. He commenced business here in '86 and has been busy ever since, as his reputation for good and careful work has robbed the dental chair of half its horrors. He has been practicing dentistry for twenty-four years. The doctor is of a bright and cheerful disposition, well calculated to inspire confidence in the most nervous of patients. He belongs to the K. of P. and is very popular among his brother knights and fellow citizens.

S. S. Street, Dentist, 143 Main Street.—A deservedly prominent man of our city is Mr. Street, the dentist. The doctor is a native of Ohio, and graduated from the Ohio Dental College in 1880. He practiced seven years at Xenia and came to Wichita in 1887. In these three years he has built up a nice practice and has an increasing number of patrons. He has nice rooms fitted with the latest conveniences. He is also an active social man, a member of the Kansas State Dental Society, of A. O. U. W. and Fraternal Aid.

Dr. S. Hupp, Office 501 N. Main Street.—The humanizing influences of christianity are shown in thousands of directions but in none to a more marked degree than that of medical and surgical science. Wichita has many fine physicians, prominent among whom is Dr. S. Hupp, 501 N. Main Street. He was born in Indiana, and graduated in 1877 from the Ohio Medical College and afterwards, in 1883, from the Rush Medical College. He first practiced in Warren, Huntington County, Indiana, and started in Wichita in 1889. He belongs to the Southern Kansas and City Medical Societies and affiliates with the Masonic order. He has been a careful student in his chosen profession and is justly regarded by his many friends as doing a very good practice.

P. D. St. John, M. D., 120 East Douglas Avenue.—Was born in New York and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1883. He went from there to Iowa, and from Iowa he came to Wichita in 1885.

He is a member of the Missouri Valley Medical Association, South Kansas Medical Society and City Medical Society. He makes a specialty of obstetrics. His wife Dr. Ida St. John is also a physician of talent and ability. She was born in Iowa, and graduated at the University of Michigan, and has an extensive practice. Dr. P. D. St. John has been successful in a number of difficult and seemingly hopeless cases, and the success has undoubtedly brought forth his name and given him the popularity which it has acquired in the city and surrounding districts.

Dr. Kuder, Office 612 East Douglas Avenue.—As the leading German exponent in our prosperous city of the medical profession, we notice Dr. Kuder. He is a native of Germany where he practiced from 1871 to 1878, when he removed to America. Dr. Kuder graduated from the German Army Medical School in 1876. He has from his youngest days shown that he realizes the grave and serious responsibilities resting on the doctor. His reception and consulting rooms are well equipped, and he has obtained a liberal share of public favor, the best proof of his skill and care.

W. D. McClees, M. D., 220 E. Douglas Avenue.—The humanizing influences of Christianity are shown in thousands of directions, but in none to a more marked degree than that of medical science. Dr. W. D. McClees was born in North Carolina. He graduated in 1835, from the University of Pennsylvania. Previous to his practice here, he was resident physician for one year at the celebrated Blockley hospital. He is a K. T. Mason. He is one of our brightest young physicians. Dr. McClees has always been a careful student in his profession and the result is seen every day in the number of patients flocking to his office.

Harry Croskey, M. D., Room 18, 200 East Douglas Avenue.—Among the names which are prominently identified with the medical profession in Wichita is that of Croskey. Dr. Harry Croskey was born and raised in Philadelphia. In 1878 he graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia. He makes a specialty of eyes, ears and surgery. The Doctor is an active member of the State Medical Society. Dr. Croskey is an affable gentleman, enjoying the confidence of those he is brought in contact with. That he is cut out for his profession is amply shown by the flattering reception he has had since his residence here.

U. S. Hougland, D. D. S., Rooms 1 and 2 Zimmerly Building.—The dental parlors of U. S. Hougland, D. D. S., are eligibly located in the Zimmerly building, and are among the handsomest in this section of the state. Everything that can contribute to the comfort of patrons has been added to the conveniences of the parlor and operating apartment. He has invariably had every possible success with his numerous patients. Dr. Hougland studied with H. Wilde of Evansville, Indiana, and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1885, whence he came here and has since practiced with eminent success.

B. Y. Boyd, M. D., Specialist, 156 North Main Street.—Probably the best known specialist in Wichita is B. Y. Boyd. He is of Scotch-English stock, and has a long line of medical ancestors. He was born in Indiana, but brought up in Kentucky. He graduated at



the Medical College, Ohio, after seven years of study. He came to Kansas seven years ago, first settling in Harvey County. Three years ago he came to Wichita, since his location here he has succeeded in building up a large and remunerative practice. He makes a specialty of chronic diseases. He uses electricity in female troubles and has the finest faradic and galvanic battery in the west, he also has the only pneumatic cabinet in the city, and has appliances for giving inhalations, vapors, sprays and vacuum treatments. His special remedies are almost too numerous to mention, but among others with which he has brilliant success, are his Crystal Eye Waters, Freckle Lotion, Pile Ointment, Lung Remedy, etc., etc. Consultation is at all times free and his charges exceedingly moderate.

Dr. J. J. Stoner, 149 N. Main St.—One of our talented physicians is Dr. J. J. Stoner. He was born in New York and has practiced in Wichita since 1884. He graduated from the Hahnemann College in 1880; also from the Philadelphia Medical College in 1870. He is physician to the Wichita Children's Home. He practiced in Mount Pleasant, Mich., from '70-'84. He is an active member of the State Medical Society and the Southwestern Medical Society. Diseases of women and children a specialty. He is a K. of P. He is a gentleman of fine sense and is well liked by the public and the medical brotherhood.

Dr. S. S. Noble, 128 E. Douglas Avenue, Bitting Block.—Dr. Noble commenced practice in Wichita in 1887. He is a native of Susquehanna County, Pa., and graduated at the Kansas City Dental College in the spring of 1887.

He was appointed by the governor one of the State Dental Examining Board. The superior class of his work, together with his reasonable charges, have made him a universal favorite in the city. He is respected throughout the State for his knowledge and talent in his profession. His office is located at 128 E. Douglas Avenue and is handsomely fitted up with all the modern luxuries and appliances appertaining to his profession.

Dr. A. H. Wendel, German Practical Physician, 235 North Main.—One of the best liked men in Wichita is Dr. Wendel, the German physician. The doctor is the only Deutscher Arzt in the city. A native of Ruschberg, Prussia, he was raised a pharmacist, served in the Franco-German war, and came to America in 1877. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and settled in Wichita in 1882. He follows somewhat the homeopathic doctrine. He is an A. O. U. W., member of the city medical association and in every way does credit to the profession and is a source of comfort to the community.

Albert Whitlock, M. D.—Wichita has many fine physicians amongst whom stands Dr. Albert Whitlock, the well known City Physician. Born in Iowa, he graduated at Pulte (Homeopathic) Medical College, Cincinnati, in 1878, and has practiced in Wichita for the past six years. He is a member of the State and Southern Kansas Medical Societies and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is one of the hardest workers in his profession in this city, having no less than three city hospitals that demand his attention, besides a large private clientage. While following his profession for love and not for money, his practice yields him a comfortable living, and he is reaping the reward of years of hard study.

E. E. Hamilton, M. D.,—Has from his earliest days shown that he realizes the grave responsibility resting on a doctor. His reception, operating and consulting rooms, are equipped with everything. He was born in New York, and graduated at Waverly Academy and Ann Arbor Medical College, and also holds a certificate from New York Post Graduate Association. He has been in practice ten years. Previous to coming to Wichita he practiced in Garnett. He is a member of the City Medical Society; District and State Medical Societies. He makes a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, also of catarrh and fitting glasses. He has a paying practice in the city and surrounding country, and seems cut out for his chosen profession.

Dr. J. W. Shults.—Prominent among the physicians of Kansas stands the name of Dr. Shults. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, and studied at the University of Charlottesville and graduated at Rush Ch., Havana. He is a member of the G. A. R., K. P., I. O. O. F., all masonic bodies, M. M. K. T., and has reached the 32d degree in the masons and also belongs to the Scottish Rite Masons.

He was three years in the U. S. army, and served under Colonel Brownlow in the 1st East Tennessee. He has been in practice fifteen years in Ohio, California and Kansas. The last four years and a half he has been in Wichita. He is medical expert for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company at this point. He is ably assisted by Dr. John Bruce, a native of Prebble County, Ohio. He attended the common school and graduated at the Ohio



Medical College, Cincinnati. He has been in practice fifteen years in Ohio, Indiana and Kansas, he has been in this city for the last five years. He is a member of the G. A. R., and was eighteen months in the 5th Ohio Cavalry and two years on Logan's staff, and was in all the battles from Atlanta to the sea. Dr. Shults has an extensive practice and is extraordinarily successful in the treatment of the most malignant cases of catarrh, consumption, heart and liver diseases, etc., etc., and he solicits those cases which have been the rounds of the general practitioners, and who are fully satisfied of the inability of the local physician to rid them of their afflictions.

Boyd's Dental Rooms, 113 East Douglas.—Dr. Boyd is a native of Philadelphia, and a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College. He won honors, in four years service for his country, in the late war. Dr. J. A. Hollenberger was born in Maryland, and he also served four years in the war. He brings eighteen years' experience to bear in the practice of his profession. Dr. Hollenberger is the inventor of a patent flask. Since these gentlemen inaugurated their practice here, their united skill and ability have enabled them to build up a large and influential practice.

Shreve & Son, Dealers in Fresh and Salt Meats, Lard and Poultry, 819 Chicago Avenue, West Wichita.—The premises occupied by Shreve & Son, are 25x100 feet, spacious and well appointed. They are extensive dealers in fresh and salt meats, lard and poultry, for which, during the summer, they use Steven's

celebrated cooler. They have been in Wichita five years. They came from Ohio, and have been in the present business three years. They are self-made men, and fully deserve the great success they have achieved.

O. P. Cozatt, Groceries, Provisions, Meat, Etc., 724 East Douglas Avenue.—Conspicuous among the first-class grocery stores on the east end of the Avenue, is that of O. P. Cozatt, who has been established two years. The neat store is 24x100 feet. He was born in Kentucky and formerly was eleven years in the general merchandise business in Parksville, Kentucky. He has won a position among the prominent city business men.

John Lovci, Manufacturer of Fine Cigars.—This enterprising gentleman has been established here since April, 1890. He has lived in Kansas thirteen years and came to this state from New York. His neatly appointed store is 14x18 feet. Mr. Lovci employs two hands in the manufacture of his celebrated cigars: "Rugged Beauty," "Choice Havana," and "Havana Ringlets," "Wichita Leader," "Spanish Belle," and "Straight." Mr. Lovci is a member of the Cigar Makers Union. His enterprise is a credit to him and he should continue to receive a full patronage.

Butler & Graley, Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Workers.—The above firm are one of the foremost among the many enterprising and pushing firms who have done so much to give this city the standing she now occupies as the first in the state. The present business has been established one year and has steadily increased in importance. They are manufacturers and dealers in tin, sheet iron and copper work, and do job work of all kinds. A splendid sample of their tin roofing is seen on the Carey House, the roof of which is their work. They are practical tanners, Mr. B. having had thirty-five and Mr. G. twenty-four years experience. They are a valuable addition to the city's resources, and merit the success they have achieved.

Mahan Brothers & Co, Restaurant, 628 East Douglas Avenue.—Probably no feature of a community is more conducive to a favorable impression than first class restaurants. The above restaurant, of which Lou Reno is the enterprising manager, has been in operation some time. The capacity for seating the numerous patrons is large, while the restaurant is equipped in a first class manner. Mr. Reno was born in Kentucky, and has lived eight years in Kansas, and is justly popular, and amply qualified, and a conscientious man.

Wichita Novelty Works, 203 N. Main St., up stairs.—A deservedly successful young man is I. N. Stage, proprietor of these Novelty Works. Mr. Stage is a practical mechanic; a native of New York. He came to Wichita first in 1870; he was some time in Denver, and started these works six years ago. He has the best machinery for light work, and well-arranged premises for carrying on everything expeditiously. He does all sorts of repairing and mending of

light machinery, bicycles, sewing machines, locks, clocks, toys, etc. He manufactures novelties of all kinds. He is a member of the Masons, conscientious and enterprising in a marked degree.

Arkansas Valley Fence Co.—Nothing in an agricultural country is of so much importance as a good fence. One of the best concerns engaged in this line of manufacture is the Arkansas Valley Fence Company of Wichita. This company started in 1883. They manufacture and deal in all kinds of iron, wood and combination farm, garden and ornamental fencing, galvanized steel fence wire, crestsings, sawed and split oak posts, barbed wire, pickets, etc. All their goods are hand made. Mr. Loderstrom, the owner, is from Illinois. He is a carpenter by trade and employs five men. His factory is 24x40; ground, 50x100. His trade extends throughout Southern Kansas. He guarantees satisfaction in every respect and deservedly takes a place among Wichita's leading men.

The Wichita Eagle.—The *Eagle* is the factor that has made Wichita. This is a fact generally conceded and cannot be gainsaid. The first issue was on the 12th day of April, 1872, from a hand press; the establishment consisting of a 20x25 foot one story frame building, located on a lot corner Maine and 3rd street. They now occupy their own building, three stories high 25x120; first floor is the business office and press room, second the bindery and ruling department, also two adjoining rooms, one lithograph engraving and other the job composition; the third floor is devoted exclusively to the newspaper, editorial, composition, etc. The establishment is complete in all its appointments, with latest presses and modern machinery, and gives employment to some 125 men. Three men travel Kansas, Colorado and Indian Territory. The *Eagle* is the best daily in Kansas. The weekly is an eight page paper. The daily first appeared May 10th, 1884; it has a circulation of 12,000. It has ever shown in its editorial columns herculean strength. M. M. Murdock, the editor, is a man of force, broad and enlightened intellect while his brother R. P. as business manager has shown great sagacity in his department which accounts for the wonderful success the concern has achieved, he executes his duties with exactness, grace and ability. Natives of West Virginia their father brought them to Kansas in 1856. M. M. Murdock published the *Osage Chronicle* ten years before starting the *Eagle*. He served three terms in the state senate and speaker pro tem. R. P. served in the Union as bugler of the 9th Kansas cavalry. The *Eagle* has the largest circulation of any daily in the state and its owners who have gained a national influence and celebrity look with pride upon the great and noble city they have helped to become the focus of life on these broad plains.

W. W. Luttrell & Co., Men's Youths' and Boys' Clothing.—The clothing business is well

represented in Wichita, and one of the leaders are W. W. Luttrell & Co. established in 1885, they have steadily built up a gratifying trade. They are centrally located at 122 East Douglas Avenue, between Main and Market streets, in a store 25x110. The stock runs from twelve to \$15,000 and the annual sales exceed \$20,000. Four salesmen are required in the store which contains fancy and plain shirts, collars, cuffs, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, gloves, hats of all descriptions and a remarkable full line of gents', youths' and boys' clothing, trunks and valises. Mr. Luttrell is a native of Illinois, and was in the same business in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Methodist church. His judgment and good taste are reflected in the elegance of his stock and tone of his establishment.

B. Dawson, Banner Meat Market.—What may be called the leading meat market of Wichita, is that of B. Dawson, located at 535 N. Main, opposite the Court house. Mr. Dawson was born in New York City and spent fifteen years in Fulton market in butchering. He conducted his own business in New York two years and came to Kansas three years ago, opening on Waco Avenue, corner Elm, but last September moved into his present location. He holds the best trade of the city, the packers themselves buying from him for their families. He handles about five beeves a week, and cuts his beef so that the purchaser has no waste. He is a typical meat man, active, smart and always jovial, and a courteous gentleman.

Rock Island Book Exchange, 522 East Douglas Avenue, Ora McKinney, Prop.—This is the largest establishment of the kind in the city. He has been established about three years and does a heavy business in exchanging, buying and selling books of all description. In stock he has all the leading libraries, stationery, school supplies, inks, pens, pencils, tablets etc. The room occupied is 25x85 opposite the Hotel Carey. Mr. McKinney was born in Indiana, came to this city four years ago and by strict attention to business has won a large patronage which is but a reflex of his capable and energetic management.

J. D. McEwen & Co., 115 N. Topeka Ave., Wholesale Fruits, Produce and General Commission Merchants.—Among the wealth and importance of this trade centre, should be mentioned the popular firm of J. D. McEwen & Co successors to the Cannon Commission Co. They occupy commodious premises 25 x 100 feet in extent. They are wholesale fruit, produce and general commission merchants, and transact business in Kansas, the Territory, etc. Mr. McEwen was born in New York, and is an important accession to the city's business men.

Monarch Billiard Parlors, 209-211 N. Main St., Fine Cigars a Specialty, W. E. Reeves, Prop.—The leading resort for the gentlemen of the city are the celebrated Monarch Billiard Parlors, opened in March 1887. The hall is 50x 100 ft. There are twelve Brunswick and Balke

Collander Monarch tables of newest pattern. During the evenings and at leisure hours it is a scene of bustle. Fred J. Reeves has the floor management under his direction. W. E. Reeves the owner, is an elegant gentleman; a native of Ohio (Ashtabula), and has followed the cigar business seventeen years. He also has a cigar stand at the Court House. He is past chancellor of the K. of P., his place being headquarters for that order. He is also jobbing a fine line of meerscham goods, this stock being almost entirely imported.

Miller & Hull, Tailors and Drapers, Sedgwick Block, Corner First and Market.

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,
Neat not gaudy, for the apparel oft proclaims the man.

This firm employ the very best labor, and in the season send to St. Louis for first class journeymen. A combination of business and experience, they make a strong partnership. Mr. Miller is a native of New York State and twenty years a tailor and cutter. He started in Wichita six years ago. Mr. Hull came from Chicago two years ago. A visitor to their neatly appointed place at once sees they command the best custom and carry the finest stock. They employ eight tailors, and guarantee fit and workmanship. They also make fine flannel and colored shirts to order. They are eminently qualified to deal with gentlemen and supply that elegance gentlemen desire in their clothes.

Douglas Avenue Planing Mill.—This concern, the property of E. C. Hartzell, was established in 1885. The building is situated on East Douglas Avenue, east of the railroad. The engine is twenty-five horse-power, and five men are employed in making sash, doors, mouldings brackets, scroll-work, window and door screens, etc. Mr. H. is sole agent for Sedgwick, Sumner, Kingman, Harper, Cowley and Harvey Counties, for the famous Hill's Patent Inside Blinds. Mr. Hartzell possesses a thorough knowledge of his business, obtained by long experience, and conducts his affairs to the advantage of all concerned.

J. L. Francis, House, Sign and Decorative Painter, 311 E. Douglas.—Mr. Francis came originally from Indiana, and has been in Wichita for the last three years; he has been all his life in the painting business; his excellent work is well known not only in the city, but also throughout the State. His store is situated at 311 East Douglas Avenue, where a full stock of paints, glass and painters' supplies is kept, as well as wall paper. Mr. Francis is noted for his sign and ornamental work, and makes a specialty of paper hanging. He employs two hands, both skilled artists in their line, and any work entrusted to his care may be assured of being well executed.

The Warren Chemical Co., 237 and 239 South Market Street.—By a careful examination of the commercial facilities enjoyed by this city we find that the house of the Warren Chemical Company is entitled to a place in the front rank. The premises occupied consists of a

building 50x100 feet. They are equipped with all the necessary appliances that can be brought into requisition to further the interests of the business. An engine of ten horse-power is used; a boiler of thirty. They manufacture extracts, syrups, jells, mince meat, pickles, relishes, laundry blue, baking powder, etc., and are extensive jobbers in maple sugar and syrups. They import their essential oils direct from some of the most celebrated distillers of the old world, among whom may be mentioned Lautier Fils, Heine & Co., Sassemio, Piccon & Maunier. The business was established in 1888, and five hands are employed. They sell jobbers exclusively. Mr. Warren, the manager, was born in Massachusetts, and traveled out of Chicago for over fourteen years.

Kernan & Co., 1102 E. Douglas Ave., Dealers in Groceries.—Among the enterprising houses on the east end of the avenue is that of Kernan & Co. It has been founded three years. The premises are 20x60 feet. They carry a large stock of staple and fancy groceries, jellies, teas, coffees, sugars, etc., which are as choice as can be found anywhere. Mr. S. B. Kernan, manager, was born in Pennsylvania, and by a superior quality of goods and fair dealing has built up a good patronage.

Israel Bros., Real Estate.—The responsible firm of Israel Bros. is a recognized authority on lands and city and county realty of every description. They have an intimate personal knowledge or the lay and value of the surrounding country, and offer choice selections of well improved farming lands. They make a specialty of city property, and attend to the general collection and care of property and are prepared to buy or sell on commission all descriptions of marketable securities. The firm is composed of F. W. and R. C. Israel, they have been in Wichita fifteen years, the last five in their present business, previously they were in the drug and grocery line. They were born in Illinois, and are quite large holders of city real estate.

Mammoth Livery Stables, Busenbark & Cooper, Proprietors.—This business was first established under the firm name of Busenbark Brothers, and is now known as the Mammoth Livery Stables. The building is 75x140 feet and is well lighted, thoroughly ventilated, efficiently drained, and in every way admirably adapted for the purpose to which it is devoted. Mr. Busenbark manages the stables, and Mr. Cooper manages the carriage repository, in another part of the city. They keep twenty-five horses for livery, including safe and gentle horses for ladies and first class turnouts, also some fifteen boarders. Mr. Busenbark is a native of Illinois, a prominent Mason and an influential private citizen, of which fact his already large and increasing patronage is sufficient evidence.

A. Buch, Bookseller and Bookbinder, 127 S. Main St.—Although the business to be spoken of in this sketch has only been founded in Wichita for eighteen months, the proprietor

has been in this State five years, having chosen Kansas as a residence when he had been in America seven years. Mr. A. Buch, bookseller and bookbinder, brings to bear on his work an experience of fifteen years. In fact, he was born in the business, his father having been a bookbinder in Korngsberg, Prussia. Bookbinding in all known styles is here executed to order in the most finished and workmanlike manner, at the shortest notice and most reasonable rates. Mr. Buch sells and binds books and is prepared to take contracts for any work in his line.

G. F. Richards, Job Printer, 317 E. Douglas Ave.—Sustained by a reputation of several years standing, Mr. Richards stands well to the front of the printing establishments of this city. Born in Wisconsin he was reared in his father's office, who was editor of a country newspaper. His premises are equipped in the most complete manner, two job presses and the latest styles of type—plain and fancy faces. Two competent assistants are employed, and every description of mercantile printing is executed in an artistic manner at a fair price.

The Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, J. M. Knapp, Manager, 306 Sedgwick Building.—The South Western Department of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Mass., was established in Wichita January 1, 1887. J. M. Knapp, Manager, and George W. Bowser, Cashier. The field covered is Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Texas and Southwest Missouri. The new business written in 1890 by this department was over two million of dollars, being the largest business written by any department in the United States for this company in 1890. The assets, January 1, 1891, are over eleven and a quarter millions of dollars, and the surplus over eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars. Good agents wanted.

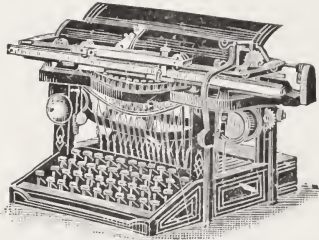
A. Viele, Loans and Insurance, Room 1 Biting Building.—This business since it was started has had a substantial growth. Money to any desired amount is loaned on real estate and the equitable terms offered have drawn to the office a large patronage. In the insurance department numerous standard companies are represented, and risks are placed on all insurable property. Mr. Viele was born in New York. He previously did the leading fire insurance business for many years at Saratoga Springs, New York.

John Linder, Baldwin Restaurant, 112 West Douglas Avenue.—An intelligently conducted enterprise is the popular Baldwin Restaurant. The premises are commodious and well suited to the purpose required. Everything usually to be found in a strictly first class restaurant is here to be had at all times and hours. Mr. John Linder has had the restaurant since August, 1889, and employs six hands. Mr. Linder has lived four years in Wichita, where he came, from St. Louis. He belongs to the Turner's Society. He is full of energy and is in every way deserving the confidence he has won.

M. Dermody, Sanitary Plumber, 140 N. Market St.—The above well known sanitary plumber and contractor for steam and hot water heating apparatus, is a man of twenty years experience in his line, and has been here four years. He is ever ready with men and materials to contract for the most extensive undertaking in steam and hot water heating apparatus. He deals in gas fixtures, garden hose pumps and sewer pipes. He was born in Missouri and came here from Iowa where he lived seven years.

The Pacific and United States Express Cos., J. C. Cassell, Agent.—As a live representative of the Pacific and United States Express Co.'s we notice J. C. Cassell. Since his coming to Kansas in October, 1887, the business has not failed to keep pace with the prosperous growth of the city. He has five men under him and three wagons. Mr. Cassell is a native of Kentucky. His deserved success in life has been gained by close attention to business, and he manages the companies' affairs in a first-class manner.

Remington Standard Typewriter, Wendell McLaughlin 212 Sedgwick Block.—This business was established in Wichita by the above gentleman in 1889. "To save time is to lengthen life," the great truth of which will quickly be proved by those who test the



"Remington," the most popular typewriter in the market. Western headquarters Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict Kansas City, Missouri, 606 and 608 Wyandotte Street. The goods of this staunch firm are sold in all the principal cities of the world: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, St. Louis, Indianapolis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati, London and Manchester, England. Mr. McLaughlin has fine linen papers and typewriter supplies of every kind. Send for sample book. Live reporting, typewriting, typewriting cabinets, Edison's Phonograph, Duplicating Neostyle, Barker's word counter, Stenographers' supplies. He was born in Ohio and has been three years in the business.

L. F. Harson, Abstractor, Rooms 504 and 506 Sedgwick Block.—This gentleman, who has had fifteen years experience in the abstract business is well known to possess eminent executive ability. He has been four years in Wichita, having formerly been eleven years in the business at Rock Island, Illinois. In all

dealings in real estate, the first and most important thing is to obtain a perfectly clear and unimpeachable title, and in this respect investors are peculiarly favored in having such a careful, painstaking abstractor as L. F. Harson. He was born in Maine. He served during the war in the 12th and 23rd Illinois Infantry regiments and in the gun boat service.

Lindell Hotel, J. A. Remspear, Prop. When visitors repair to Wichita either for business or pleasure, they will find comforts combined with courteous attention in the above named hotel. The Lindell is a three-story structure 25x120 feet, intelligently planned and strongly built. It has thirteen well ventilated rooms. It is most conveniently situated at 609 East Douglas Avenue, only half a block from the Union Depot. Mr. J. A. Remspear the gentlemanly proprietor took charge April 22, 1890. He conducts it as a strictly, first-class establishment at the reasonable rates of \$1.00 and \$1.25 per day, aiming always to give value received. Mr. Remspear is a native of Missouri, but has been a resident of Kansas for five years. He is an Odd Fellow. Those who have occasion to enjoy his hospitality, long remember the occasion with much pleasure.

P. Gould, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Hay, Feed and Coal.—This business was established in 1887 and by energetic management has won a representative position. The salesroom is 25x50 feet, and in addition the basement of the Opera House on Topeka avenue is used as a store room. His facilities enable him to offer special advantages to his customers. Mr. Gould is a native of Illinois and has been in Wichita eight years. He is a gentleman well known to the citizens of Wichita for his enterprise, push and upright conduct.

Gus Lund, Pharmacist, Cor. Central Avenue and Main St.—Gus Lund, the up-town druggist, has spent a period of over twenty years in pharmacy. A native of Hamburg, Germany, he came to St. Louis in 1871, and for ten years ran a nice establishment at Davenport, Iowa. In September, '85, he opened in Wichita and a year later took his present stand, now one of the landmarks of town. He is well assisted by competent help. Mr. Lund, as a pharmacist, bows to none in his detailed and exact knowledge, and is a polished gentleman to all.

John Braitsch, Fine shoes, 120 E. Douglas Avenue.—This flourishing house was established in 1872 and has steadily and surely worked up a trade that is now second to none. The premises are 25x100 feet. They are handsomely fitted up throughout and systematically arranged for a fine display of the goods. The house was originally situated two doors east, but moved to its present location in 1878. A stock of \$40,000 is carried and the annual sales average \$75,000 and are growing better every year. Mr. Braitsch came originally from Germany, but has been in business at various times in Pennsylvania, St. Louis and Kansas City. He is indefatigable in his efforts to

ticed in Terre Haute, Indiana, Topeka, Kansas, and since 1883 in this city, where he has built up a first class connection, and a reputation for moral and legal work, unexcelled in the county. He served with the 53rd Indiana, during the war, and was at Corinth, Vicksburg, and on Sherman's march to the sea. Mrs. Dalton was admitted to practice here January 31st, 1890, and is a valuable assistant to her partner and husband in his daily increasing business. They have been married twenty years and for ten Mrs. D. has been studying law. She is state secretary of the Assembly of the Rebekah Degree I. O. O. F., and is one of the most influential ladies of the community.

Hackney, Shartel & Asp, Lawyers, Hackney Building.—This well known firm of lawyers has controlled the majority of the legal business in this section since the days when the now thriving city of Winfield existed only in the minds of some of its projectors. Mr. W. P. Hackney, the leading member, was born in Iowa in 1842, and served during the war in the 7th Illinois, Company H., where for gallantry in the field he was promoted step by step from private to captain. After the war Mr. Hackney turned his spear into a pruning hook and his sword into a patent binder and engaged in agriculture, and studied law in his spare time until 1867, when he was admitted to the bar at Lincoln, Illinois. In '70 he located at Arkansas City, and the following year moved to Belle Plaine, where he remained a couple of years, then, like many others, went to Wellington, but the following year left it for Winfield, which he has since made his home. He has been State Senator three terms, '72-4, '76-8, and '81-3, an office which he filled with honor and distinction to himself and entire satisfaction to his constituents. In '87-8 he erected the new Hackney Block, facing the court house, one of the finest business blocks in the State, costing upwards of \$100,000. Mr. Hackney is a corporation and railroad attorney of extensive experience, and it is to his skill in this branch that the firm owes the patronage of the Santa Fe road, of whose legal business in the Indian Territory they have full control. Mr. Shartel, who has been a member of the firm but a very short time, came here from Sedan, where he was for some time County Attorney; he was admitted in Topeka, in 1884, and the fact of his being admitted into the firm, is of itself the highest testimonial as to his former ability. Mr. Asp has been connected with Mr. Hackney over twenty years, having studied law under him, and been admitted in his office in 1870. He is too well known to need any introduction to the people of this county, who have known him from its earliest days as an honorable and straightforward gentleman and a lawyer of eminent ability.

The Winfield Mortgage and Trust Co.—The fact of Winfield's importance is forcibly demonstrated in every branch of business, and among the most successful here, we notice, The Winfield Mortgage and Trust Co., organized November 1886. Capital paid in, \$100,000. Surplus, \$26,000. The officers are: M. L. Read,

president; Geo. W. Robinson, vice president; F. C. Hunt, secretary and general manager; W. C. Robinson, treasurer. References: Bradstreet & Curtis, Bankers, 35 Pine St., New York; Gilman Son & Co., Bankers, 63 Cedar St., New York; Guaranty Savings Bank, Keene, N. H.; Maverick National Bank, Boston, Mass.; National Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo. Eastern office; Rooms 90 and 91 Equitable building, Boston, Mass.; H. W. Hall, Eastern manager. The attention of investors is called to the unexcelled facilities of this Company for furnishing superior investments in Real Estate Farm Mortgages in the West. All property carefully inspected; Forms carefully prepared, in accordance with the Laws of the state in which property is located. Titles perfected beyond question. Interest and principal collected, and all lands guarded from tax sale. Special attention given to regular business from Insurance and Eastern Loan Companies. Careful attention given to orders, small or large, for private investors. All correspondence given prompt attention. Write for pamphlet. Mr. F. C. Hunt, secretary and general manager at Winfield, was born in Michigan, and has been with the concern since its organization. He is a Mason, and has lived in Kansas twenty-four years. As manager, he has shown splendid business capacity and tact.

The First National Bank.—This bank was established in 1872 as M. L. Read's bank, and was re-organized in 1884 as the First National, with M. L. Read as president. W. C. Robinson,



cashier, Henry E. Kibbe, assistant cashier, and George W. Robinson, vice-president, which offices they still hold. The following statement, February 26, 1891, shows its very strong condition:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$291,987 23
Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....	6,036 08
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	31,250 00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	9,434 54
Due from other National Banks.....	51,378 05
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	22,522 34
Banking-house, furniture and Fixtures.....	37,500 03
Current Expenses and Taxes paid.....	260 53
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	6,440 39
Checks and other cash items.....	1,643 23
Bills of other banks.....	10,160 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	1,300 50
Specie.....	39,259 00
Legal tender notes.....	10,148 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....	1,406 25
Total.....	\$520,726 14

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$125,000 00
Surplus fund.....	25,000 00
Undivided profits.....	11,413 75
National Bank notes outstanding.....	28,125 00
Individual deposits subject to checks.....	\$203,423 54
Demand Certificates of deposit.....	58,530 72
Due to other National Banks.....	7,542 78
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	1,690 35
Total.....	\$520,726 14

Mr. M. L. Read was born near Xenia, Ohio, in 1825 and moved to Illinois with his parents when he was fourteen years of age, where he met with an accident which crippled him for several years, so he was taught the tailor's trade as one which he could work at without much locomotion. He applied himself zealously to the study of law and in 1846 when he was twenty-one years old, was admitted to the bar; then in 1851 he engaged as clerk in a clothing house and in 1856 entered into partnership with two other gentlemen in the merchant tailoring and clothing business which he sold out in 1871, and moved to Carthage, Missouri, and from there here in the following year. He has always been one of our most public spirited and enterprising citizens.

Farmers Bank.—This bank was founded in 1882 by the late Robert Kerr, who was its first president, and several other of Winfield's



most prominent men. Since its inception it has been widely known as one of the substantial and reliable financial institutions in this section. The present officers are Jno. A. Eaton president, and T. J. Eaton cashier, both of whom were for several years engaged in business in their native state, Ohio. John A. has been democratic representative from Cowley County and his public life has been "*Sans peur et sans reproche*," both he and his cousin T. J. are known throughout the county as agreeable men to do business with.

J. M. Stafford, Short Loans and Insurance.—Mr. Stafford has in one business or another been connected with the city since '78. For several years he bought and handled sheep and grain until '83, when he embarked in his present business. Mr. Stafford is a native of Martinsville, Indiana, and since his residence here has been a member of the City Council. He owns considerable valuable city and suburban property, and is one of the financial supports of the city's business reputation and

credit. He is a Sir Knight Mason and one of the popular business men and accomplished gentlemen of the city.

H. Roberts, Loans, Etc.—Henry Roberts came here some two years ago from Illinois where he had been for forty years a butcher, farmer, hotel keeper, etc. He came originally from Cornwall, Eng. He has during his residence here made a reputation which has ensured him all the business he can attend to, and which has made him a large circle of friends.

Shivvers & Herriott, Real Estate and Loans, Abstract and Insurance; Rooms 7 and 8 Fuller Block.—This popular firm though only in existence since April, 1890, is composed of gentlemen who have been ten years in business here. Mr. Shivvers was previously senior partner in the firm of Shivvers & Linn; he is a native of Illinois, and came here in 1882; he is a Mason, and member of the F. M. C. and is one of the leaders here. He is a notary public and attends to the abstract department. Mr. Herriott is also a native of Illinois, and is a notary public; although a comparatively new man at the business, is a good live man to the business.

H. E. Steinhilber, Druggist and Apothecary.—One of the chief attractions of Winfield is the elegance of her drug stores and one of the finest of these is that of H. E. Steinhilber, on Main street, which he established in February, '88. The varied stock invoices upwards of \$10,000. Mr. Steinhilber was born in Iowa, and came here first in '83 and from that time till '87 he traveled for Woodward, Farrington & Co. He is a member of the local Masonic lodge and of the A. O. U. W. and N. U. He is one of our most esteemed citizens both in the commercial and social life of the city to which he lends stability and grace.

Hill's Drug Store, W. W. Huddleston, Manager.—An establishment co-eval with the founding of this city is that owned by J. L. M. Hill, which was established in 1870 by Johnson & Lockwood and sold by them to L. M. Williams, from whom Mr. Hill purchased it in '87. The present popularity and success of the business is due in a large degree to the management of Mr. W. W. Huddleston, a native of Indiana, who has been a resident of this city since the fall of '89. Mr. Hill has been here since '69, and in early days was engaged in the restaurant and various other businesses, and who owns the Brettun House. He is a public spirited citizen and a well informed gentleman.

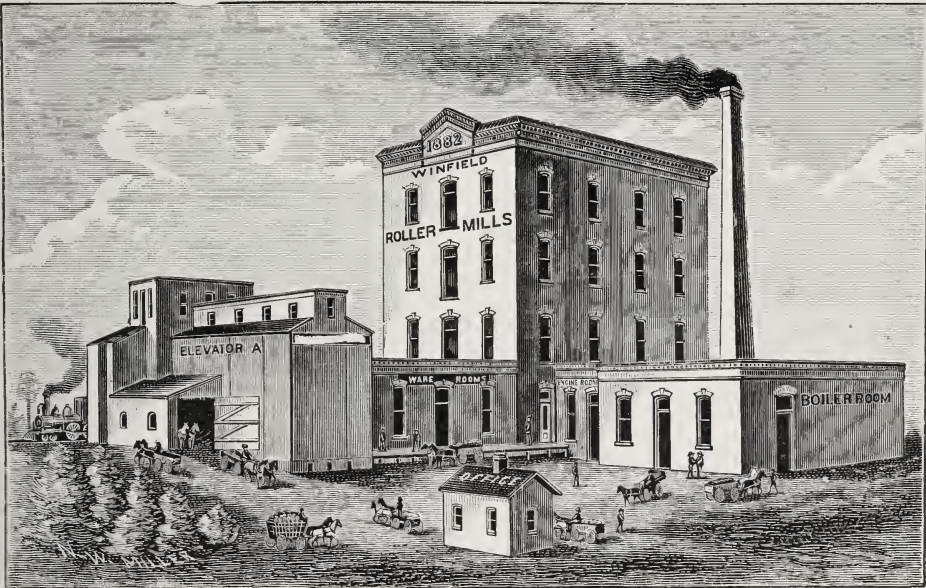
E. B. Buck, Mayor.—Is a native of Illinois, and reared a printer, and later owned papers which he sold at a profit. He came to Winfield in 1886 purchasing the *Tribune*, which he has made one of the most influential republican journals in the state. It was founded in 1883 by B. T. Davis, and was consolidated with the *Visitor* April 1889. It is the best advertising medium in Cowley County. Mr. Buck was elected mayor last fall, on the solid republican ticket, after an exciting race.

Salem Fouts, County Clerk.—One of the oldest residents in this part of the State is Salem Fouts, our County Clerk since the fall of '89. Mr. Fouts is a native of Illinois, but has been in Kansas twenty-six years, and has always been known as one of her most honorable and worthy citizens. He was in Franklin county successfully engaged in farming for twenty years, and was for some time previous to his election justice of the peace at Arkansas City. He is a member of the Canal City Lodge No. 352, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and M. W. of A., and is an all around jolly good fellow and thorough gentleman.

J. P. Baden, Miller, Wholesale Produce Merchant, Retail Dry Goods and Groceries.—There is no one man connected with the history of the commerce of this city, whose influence has been more widely felt than that of Mr. J. P. Baden, whose various businesses here to-day

M. N. Linnott, the Deputy County Clerk, who has been fifteen years one of Kansas' successful farmers. Mr. Linnott was for some time post-master at Arkansas City. He served through the war with the 21st Regiment of his native State, Missouri, one that was longer than any other regiment of volunteers in the service. Mr. Linnott is a well-read, pleasant mannered gentleman, a popular member of Winfield's select society.

J. B. Lynn, Groceries, Dry Goods and Clothing.—A pillar of Winfield's substantiality and welfare is J. B. Lynn, one of the city's most honored citizens. Mr. Lynn has resided here seventeen years, previous to which he was in business in Illinois, Iowa and also in other parts of Kansas. After the war he was five years clerking for Yates & Smith of Springfield, Illinois. For business purposes he occupies on the main street three adjoining



do an aggregate annual trade of over half a million dollars. Mr. Baden is a native of Germany and came to Kansas from that country some twenty years ago, and to Winfield eleven years ago, where his first venture was the grocery and dry goods store which he is now running in company with Mr. Dauber, and which carries a stock of \$15,000. The following year he branched out into the wholesale poultry, butter and egg business, and his large establishment at the old packing house is the outgrowth of this. In September '89, Mr. Baden found a new outlet in the milling business; the mill with a capacity of 600 barrels per day, was erected by Mr. Baden at a cost of \$100,000. Mr. Baden is a member of the Lutheran church, and eminently a leader in social and business life here.

M. N. Linnott, Deputy County Clerk.—Another of our gentlemanly county officials is

stores, one for groceries, one for dry goods and one for clothing. In each of these lines he carries a full stock, the whole never invoicing less than \$35,000. His custom necessitating the services of twenty clerks and salesladies. The goods include the best grades in all lines, are sold at bottom figures and no one coming in search of anything ever goes away dissatisfied. Mr. Lynn is a man of superior talents, commanding the highest credit from manufacturers and jobbers. He was born in Tennessee in 1840, and served in Company C, 57th Missouri regiment. He was Mayor of Winfield two terms, 1879-'80.

Ed. Pate, Clerk of District Court. This office has been efficiently filled by Mr. Pate for the past six years, and his successor who has just been elected will have no easy task to fill his shoes. Mr. Pate settled in the county in

1875 and owns two farms one near the city and one some twenty miles out. He is a native of Indiana, and served during the war in the 52nd Indiana Regiment, and is an active member of the local G. A. R.; he is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity and one of the city's most respected citizens.

Conservatory of Music and Painting.

Faculty: Miss Lina Conrad, Mr. A. Olmstead, C. B. Snyder, Director, Hackney Block.—One



of the signs of the refinement of the community is the generous support they accord to the arts and sciences, as may be seen from the flourishing condition of our local conservatory of music and painting, under the management of Mr. C. B. Snyder, a native of Hudson, N. Y., and a graduate of the New England Conserva-

tory of Music, of Boston, in the class of '86. He has been here four years, and last year had one hundred and seventy-three pupils. He is also agent for all the best makes of pianos, organs and musical instruments which he can supply at lowest trade figures.

Bobbitt House; Rates \$1.50 a Day; John Bobbitt, Owner and Proprietor.—Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt, the builders and proprietors of this popular hostelry, are the oldest hotel people here. They have been in the hotel business since '82; previous to that they farmed on a claim near the southern line of the County to which they moved from Illinois, and the hardships they at first put up with would fill a book. Mrs. Bobbitt helped to build their first house and made the windows from one or two of her pictures which she had brought from her old home; and from that day to this, Mr. Bobbitt has owed no small part of his success to his wife's energy, pluck and business ability. The Bobbitt House owes no small share of its popularity to her management and careful attention to the wants of its patrons.

Dr. C. M. Holcomb.—One of the most eminent young physicians in this community is Dr. C. M. Holcomb, a native of Summit County, Ohio, and a resident here three years. He graduated in '86 from the Jefferson Medical College and practiced a year in Spring Hill, Kansas. He carried off the Jefferson gold medal during his last year at college and is one of the most thoroughly practical of our local medicos. He is an expert on personal injuries in damage suits, etc., and is one of our most popular young society men.

The Mercantile Company, Jones & Rogers.—The business established in '88 by these energetic gentlemen has grown rapidly under their management. They carry one of the best selected stocks of dry goods, notions and

gents' furnishings to be found in this section. Both gentlemen are from Ohio, where they were engaged several years in the same business. Mr. O. J. Jones is a member of the Baptist church here, and his partner, Mr. G. W. Rogers, belongs to the A. O. U. W. They are both respected and popular young men, and have made a large circle of friends here since making their home among us.

S. B. Park, M. D.—Dr. Park is so well known in Cowley County that anything like an introduction of him would be superfluous. He is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana, and studied medicine at Beaumont and in a three years course at Rush Medical College Chicago, finishing up in the Beaumont Hospital Medical College, from which he graduated in 1887. Since then he has been one of the leading members of the faculty here. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Church and of the Masonic order. He was surgeon for the Missouri Pacific Railway for six months, when he had to give it up to attend to his steadily increasing general practice. The Doctor's professional record is without blemish.

Putman & Son, Groceries. Produce, Fruit, Flour and Feed.—This wide-awake house was established May 1, 1890, and since that time has secured a large share of the patronage of the community. They are well equipped for first-class trade. Mr. Putman, Sen., has been a resident of the city three years. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and bears a high character among his fellow citizens. Mr. Putman, Jr., was for several years in the telegraph service and came here shortly after his father from Rossville, Illinois, where their home had been for many years. He is a Methodist and one of the city's rising young men.

Z. Putman & Daughter, Milliners.—The ladies of Winfield have no excuse for sending away from the city for their new hats and bonnets since Putman & Daughter established their house here in 1886. Their skill and taste in making up the latest styles in hats and bonnets is equalled by few and excelled by none in the state. They came here from Illinois but are natives of Ohio, and since taking up their residence here have made a wide circle of friends both in business and society.

J. W. Douglas, Furniture.—Winfield is particularly well supplied with first-class furniture houses, and prominent among them comes that which Mr. J. W. Douglas purchased from S. Johnson in '88. Mr. Douglas is a native of Illinois, but has been in this county nearly twenty years, during the first part of which he was one of our most successful agriculturalists. He served during the war in the 51st Illinois, and belongs to the local G. A. R. post. He carries a stock valued at upwards of \$3,000. He is a member of the Methodist church and one of our popular local J. P.'s and member of society.

ARKANSAS CITY.

WHERE the Arkansas and Walnut rivers join together, four miles north of the Indian Territory line, in Cowley County, is Arkansas City, known these many years as the "Canal City," so named from the artificial stream which supplies the power to its mills and factories. The town was laid out in 1870 and was formerly called Walnut City. The name was afterward changed to Delphi, then to Creswell, and five years after its founding the name which it now bears was chosen. The city which now contains nearly 10,000 people, stands on the elevated land between the two rivers and is 300 feet above the sea level. From the centre of the city the land slopes down in each direction, giving the best advantage for natural drainage imaginable. It is 200 miles southwest of Kansas City, 250 miles from Fort Smith, Ark., and about the same distance from Fort Worth, Texas. Having no rival in any point nearer than these, the merchants and manufacturers of this city enjoy an immense trade from the surrounding country.

A canal five miles long, running through the city from the Arkansas to the Walnut rivers affords a 15 000 horse power, which can easily be increased by enlarging this canal, and which already places the city at the front as a manufacturing centre. The factories which depend on the canal for their power are the City Roller Mills, with a capacity of 300 barrels a day; the Plummer Chair Factory, Kirkwood Windmill Factory, mattress factory, Canal Planing Mills and electric light works. The city also contains the Danks Foundry and Machine Shops, two wholesale groceries and one wholesale dry goods store, one hotel building which costs \$125,000, another \$45,000, and an opera house building worth \$75,000. This gives an idea of the business buildings of the city, and it must be inferred that other business buildings which are numerous compare favorably with those named. All the best buildings are built of cut stone which is quarried a few miles of town.

The railroads which reach this splendid little city are the Santa Fe, the Frisco, and Missouri Pacific. The division shops of the first named road are located here, and employ several hundred men.

Among the enterprises should be mentioned a grain elevator, two corn mills, an overall factory, two cigar factories, two national and

two private banks. The receipts of the Arkansas City postoffice for the year ending March 31, 1890, amounted to \$13,396.20, \$2,300 more than the preceding year.

Four large commodious brick and stone school buildings are full of scholars, and a splendid high school house is being erected at a cost of \$40,000.

The city is lighted with electricity by fifty-four burners at the present time. A system of water-works equal to any in the country, with twenty-three miles of water mains; twelve miles of gas mains, eight miles of street railway, eighteen miles of macadamized paved streets and eight miles of sewerage. Material for cement and plaster paris is here in great abundance. Her building and flagging stone is used by the United States for her buildings in different places in the country.

The greatest hope for the up-building of Arkansas City is the probable opening to settlement of the Cherokee strip which lies just south of it. This is a magnificent country, and will go a great ways toward furnishing trade to an important point like this.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ARKANSAS CITY.

The Arkansas City Canning Factory, John Kroenert, Proprietor.—Was started September, 1890. On the first day turned out 2,500 cans of fruit; the third day ran to 5,000, the full capacity. Mr. Kroenert, the able proprietor, is one of the city's oldest wholesale grocery merchants. His extensive enterprise is only in its infancy, and next season he intends enlarging and extending the business to more than treble its present capacity, some idea of which may be gathered from the fact that though starting so late in the season he put up 100,000 cans in five weeks time.

Geo. L. Beard, Gunsmith, etc.—The establishment of Arkansas City supplying every want of the hunter, is that of Geo. L. Beard, a native of Illinois. He came to Kansas in 1880 and took a farm near Americus. For seven years he attended his farm in summer and his trade in winter, when, in 1887, he made up his mind that the trade was better, so he came here and established himself in a convenient shop, where he has since been kept busy attending to the guns of local hunters, hunting outfits going to the territory and the great army of boomers. His stock is small but good, and

is valued at \$1,000; his main hold is repair work of all kinds, guns, small machinery, locks, etc. When a boy of seventeen he shouldered a gun for Uncle Sam in the 132nd Illinois, and has been fond of one ever since.

W. H. Nelson, P. M.—Mr. Nelson came to this city in 1885, from Indiana, and commenced business with H. O. Meigs, as Meigs & Nelson, real estate and loan brokers, and continued in that until his appointment to his present position in 1889. In business here Mr. Nelson was one of the wide awake men, and his firm was well and favorably known among investors far and near, and the reputation he built up in business he now amply sustains in official life. He has greatly improved the mail facilities here and is one of the most popular gentlemen who have ever filled the position.

The Arkansas City Traveller.—There is no more potent factor in the prosperity of our live western cities than it's local press; it is the pulse of the community, and when the pulse is feeble, we don't look for growth, but when, as in the case of Arkansas City, the strength and regularity of the pulse shows the healthy and robust life of the community, we are not surprised at it's almost phenomenal prosperity. No city in the State can boast an abler champion than Arkansas City has in the *Traveller*, which has been identified with it since the principal part of the city was on paper. The *Traveller* was started by Capt. C. M. Scott, in a small frame, on the same lot the present handsome building, which it shares with the Home National Bank, is situated. In 1887 it was amalgamated with the *Republican*, under the management of the Hon. J. O. Campbell, who first brought the Associated Press dispatches here. Shortly afterwards it passed into the hands of the present proprietors, T. W. Eckert, R. C. Howard and W. H. Nelson, postmaster here. It is one of the most live y and ably edited eight page dailies in the state, and the business ability and enterprise of the manager, Mr. R. C. Howard, have contributed no less than the vigorous, and versatile style, of the journalist who has charge of the editorial department.

Weekly Canal City Dispatch and Evening Dispatch.—The first of these papers was founded in January 1887, and the second the May following by Amos Walton, and were sold in November 1888 to Messrs. Wagoner Bros., Geo. W. taking charge of the editorial department and B. A. of the management. Both gentlemen hold the respect of the community and are generously supported by all parties, as they are entirely independent in state and national politics.

Crystal Lake Coal & Ice Co., Coal, Feed and Ice.—The weather can seldom get either too hot or too cold for this company. The business was started under the firm name of D. L. Newman & Co., some three years ago and was re-organized as the Crystal Lake Coal & Ice Co., in January, 1890. The business done is an enormous one. Last year they handled 3,600 tons of ice in addition to coal

and feed. They are agents for all the best varieties of soft and hard coal, and are the largest handlers of that commodity in the city.

Arkansas City Stone Co., D. L. Means, Manager.—No company is doing more to help Arkansas City into the front rank than the one whose name stands at the head of this article, as they furnish a building stone equal in every respect to that previously shipped from Colorado and other outside points, and at half the price. The quarries of the company are in the Territory and they have some \$15,000 invested in plant and leases. The stone is gray and blue granite-limestone, close grained and free from iron and magnesia spots, which render so much stone liable to rapid decay. The manager, Mr. D. L. Means, is well known here as one of the city's upright business men and has contributed largely to the success of the concern. The Company ship upwards of one hundred cars a month in addition to the amount used here.

A. H. Fitch, Sewing Machines and Musical Instruments.—If there is one business more than another that demands shrewdness, forethought and the closest attention, it is that of the dealer in the above mentioned articles. Starting in 1878 in a very small way, Mr. Fitch has gradually brought his business up to its present high standing. He is a native of Ohio but was raised and educated in Wisconsin, from which state he came to this city in 1878. He carries a stock valued at some \$2,500 and does an annual business of about \$8,000, and has the largest and best trade in the city.

The Kirkwood Manufacturing Co.—Early in '88 a number of leading citizens of Arkansas City organized a stock company on \$30,000 for the purpose of manufacturing wind mill pumps. Officers: President, Major Sleeth; vice-president and secretary, R. G. Kirkwood; treasurer, W. H. Nelson. The factory is a handsome stone structure and is operated by water power from the canal applied through a turbine wheel. The wind mills are entirely of iron, and are manufactured under the Kirkwood patent, to which this company has the exclusive right of use in all states west of the Mississippi, and their agents and travelers cover the entire West. The company are also wholesalers of all classes of plumbers' stock and various kinds of wood and metal pumps, etc. Their business is in such a flourishing condition at present that the management are considering the advisability of enlarging the factory at an early date.

First National Bank.—The pioneer banking institution of this city was the old Cowley County Bank founded in '72, and which came into the hands of W. M. Sleeth and H. P. Farrar, the president and cashier respectively, of the present institution in 1875, and from the time these gentlemen became identified with it, its record has been one of continued success and prosperity. On the 4th of July 1885, as a National Bank with \$50,000, increased

in 1886 to \$125,000. In 1883 they erected the handsome structure now occupied. The capital and surplus at present stands at \$275,000, and the last statement of the banks affairs shows them to be in a most flourishing and satisfactory condition, comparing favorably with those of any similar institution in the state. W. M. Sleeth the president, is a gentleman of ripe experience in financial matters East and West. He is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1869 from Tennessee, and to this city in March 1870, and since that time has been one of the bulwarks of the city's finance and one of the ornaments of its society. Calvin Dean, vice president, also a native of Ohio came to Kansas in the Spring of 1879. Mr. Farrar the cashier is a down east Yankee, with his full share of shrewdness and grit usually possessed by that enterprising people. The assistant cashier F. W. Farrar, has been ten years in the bank. Messrs. Sleeth and Farrar are both largely interested in the various companies engaged in the development and utilization of the resources of the country.

The Home National Bank, successors to The Strong & Ross Banking Co.—The banking house of Strong & Ross, established here in 1888 with a capital of \$100,000, is one of those financial institutions, whose influence and reputation lend stability and importance to the city's commercial standing. Its affairs have prospered to such an extent during the last two years, that it has been found advisable to increase the capital stock to \$250,000, with surplus of \$25,000, and to re-organize as a national bank. The president Mr. F. M. Strong is a native of Chicago, and is the son of the well known ex-president of the Santa Fe Railroad, W. B. Strong, and he has been one of our leading and most enterprising citizens, for the past five years, and has been closely identified with everything connected with the improvement of the city during that time. Mr. Ross the cashier is also a native of Chicago, and has been a resident here for the past five years, during which time he has done as much as any other man in the city to promote its growth and welfare. Under the heading of the Arkansas City Land and Improvement Company, both Mr. Strong and Mr. Ross were at one time in the employ of Armour & Company, and the name of Phil. D. Armour appears among a host of well known ones, such as W. B. Strong, Col. Holliday, John R. Mulvane, Isaac T. Burr, etc., on the list of stock holders in the institution.

The Arkansas City Co-Operative Exchange Company, General Supply Store.—In union is strength, is a fact clearly illustrated in the co-operative movement. In England every village has its co-operative society, and in Northampton and many of the great manufacturing centers their mills and factories are amongst the most successful in the country. The Arkansas City Co-operative Company was organized in 1889 by members of the Farmers' Alliance. The shares are valued at \$5.00 each and the number to be held by any one subscriber is limited to twenty. The man-

ager is a well-informed and pleasant mannered gentleman and a thoroughly capable man of business.

W. H. Pottle & Co., Dry Goods, Only.—Early in 1889 when Mr. Pottle established this business and announced his intention of selling only for cash and carrying a first class stock of dry goods and *nothing more* he was laughed at and told that that kind of business might do in Manchester, Michigan, where he came from but it would never do here; now he is the one that laughs, and as Shakespear says he laughs best who laughs last. The store to-day is one of the most prosperous and flourishing institutions in the city and the only one of its kind. Mr. Pottle is a native of Maine, but lived mostly in Michigan, where he was for twenty years in the same line of business. His partners are Munson & McNamara, of Wichita.

Wyckoff & Co., Dry Goods.—This house, which ran for ten years as Wyckoff, Gooch & Co., general merchants, until June, '90, when they were destroyed by fire, has now opened up in dry goods only, under the firm name of Wyckoff & Co., the Co. being Mr. Wyckoff, Jr., who has been a partner in the concern ever since he was 16 years of age. Mr. Wyckoff, Sr, is a native of New York, and was many years in the jobbing trade of that city. He left New York to fill a government appointment in the Territory for two years, after which he came to Arkansas City and established himself in company with his son in the general supply business. The present stock is valued at some \$5,000.

Charles Williams, Merchant Tailor.—The leading tailor of Arkansas City, Charles Williams, established here in 1889. Mr. Williams learned the business in his native place, New York, and previous to coming to Arkansas City was several years in the same business in Emporia, Kansas. He is a master of the art of cutting and fitting and his prices are such that a suit made by him is cheaper than ready made, and his fine work helps materially to keep up the style and dignity of the city.

C. E. Salisbury & Co., Boots and Shoes.—C. E. Salisbury came here from Wichita in '85 and opened with as fine a stock of goods in his line as was to be found in the State: since that time his business has advanced until now it is one of the most solid and substantial in the trade, with a stock valued at upwards of \$10,000, consisting of all grades of footwear, from stout goods to the finest product of Curtis & Wheeler's factory, of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Salisbury is assisted by two clerks and employs one or two shoemakers, as the trade requires. He is a native New York State, and was in the employ of a leading St. Louis shoe house previous to coming to Kansas in '83.

Santa Fe Book and Jewelry Co., G. W. Hardway, Manager.—This business was established some twelve years ago by James Ridenour, and passed into the hands of the present company in 1885. Mr. G. W. Hardway

the gentlemanly and enterprising manager has had control of the jewelry department—in which he is an expert of twenty years' standing—since the business changed hands in '85, and of the whole establishment since August, 1890. He employs three able assistants. The house's reputation leads the van in Southern Kansas. Business is carried on in a spacious store, 25x140 feet and the stock valued at from six to seven thousand dollars, is most complete.

J. M. Murphey, The Safe Jeweler.—One of the tastiest establishments in the jewelry line is that of J. M. Murphey, which has been well known for four years. The stock includes everything found in a first class jewelry house. In addition to this Mr. Murphey keeps three men employed in the manufacture of small musical instruments such as guitars, banjos, etc. And he has established, in this line, a large business throughout the west. Mr. Murphey is a native of New York, and on the outbreak of the war, enlisted in the 12th New Jersey Infantry, and served in it with the army of the Potomac. He is a member of the G. A. R. the K. of P. and the Masonic body.

Wm. Pond & Co., Lumber, Etc.—This business was founded some five years ago as The Alexander Lumber Co., and did business under that name until the Spring of 1889, when Messrs. Wm. Pond and Harry Comley bought Alexander out. The company's agent here, Mr. R. A. Maxey, has been in their employ for more than five years, and is a competent and able gentleman with a thorough knowledge of the lumber business in general and the trade here in particular. The company carries a full line of hard and soft lumber and general building material, valued at upwards of \$8,000, and is prepared to quote as good figures on all classes as any house in the trade.

Tremont House.—For its reasonable charges of \$1.00 and \$1.50; and 25 cents a meal, the Tremont House provides the best accommodation in this section. Commercial patronage specially solicited. With numerous nice bed rooms it can guarantee the traveler a comfortable night's rest. The house has an established trade. Three times a day are served as fine meals as any one would wish to eat. Mr. James Powers, proprietor, was born in Canada. He formerly lived twenty-eight years in Jackson County, Missouri. He is an A. O. U. W., and has lived four years in Kansas. He is a worthy gentleman, always social, and makes his guests feel thoroughly at home.

Gladstone Hotel.—The hotel in this country is "home," and the comfort of guests is looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chisholm as if they were their own family. The house was built in '87 by S. C. Smith; it is a fine stone edifice three stories high, with iron balconies all the way around each story, making it absolutely safe in case of fire. The interior is fitted up in excellent taste; the ground floor contains an elegantly fitted office, a spacious diningroom. No expense has been spared by the management to make the culinary department a success—a first rate

cook, plenty of help, abundant supplies of everything essential to the setting of a tip-top meal, and the careful supervision of Mrs. Chisholm insure this. The upper stories contain airy and comfortable bed-rooms and parlors, in suits and single, fifty in all. Every room has steam heat, gas and an electric bell. Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm are natives of Scotland, and came to this country in '70, and have since that time been continuously in the hotel business in West Virginia and latterly for two years in the St. Charles in this city. They have recently taken the Gladstone and are going to make it the popular house of Southern Kansas.

C. M. Cooley, Wells, Fargo & Co.—Mr. Cooley, who has been in the express business since October, 1879, was born in Wisconsin, where he lived till twenty years of age. He was eight years with the American Express Company at Chicago. He is an enlightened gentleman, of acknowledged ability, and has always courtesy and politeness to offer the public.

Wm. L. Marcy, Pacific Express.—Mr. Marcy the popular local agent of the Pacific express, was born in Texas, and been in the express business six years. He is a civil engineer by profession, and a leader in the K. of P. His methods of conducting business and substantiality are far above par, and he justly commands the regard of the community.

French & Snyder, Insurance, Room 8, Colorado Building.—This firm has only recently opened in this line, but already have met with a patronage that is most encouraging, and their connection is widening daily. Mr. French the senior partner, is chief clerk at the Indian training schools at Chilocco. Mr. Snyder is a native New Yorker, and is a good representative of the clear-headed business man. He is assisted in the office by his wife as secretary and typewriter, and has contributed in no small degree to the success of the firm. Messrs. French & Snyder represent some of the most substantial companies in the business, and write insurance on life and against fire, cyclones and all other accidents.

Atkinson & Theophilus, Attorneys.—This firm is one of the best known in the State and it gives importance to the Arkansas City Bar. The strong combination was made June 1, 1889. Mr. C. T. Atkinson was born in Ohio. He is County Attorney and has been practicing ten years with great success. He graduated from Mount Union, Ohio, on the 26th of July, 1877, with the degree of A. B., and on 24th July, 1890, was granted A. M., unsolicited, from his Alma Mater. He is an Odd Fellow. Mr. William Theophilus was born in Wales. He studied in Iowa and in this city and was admitted May 1, 1890. He is a Mason and K. of P. He was Clerk of the District Court in Cresco, Howard County, Iowa, four years. He ran on the Democratic State ticket in Iowa in 1886 for Clerk of the Supreme Court. In 1887 was elected Representative for Howard County, Iowa, in the State Legislature.

gratify the tastes and desires of his many patrons.

W. T. Bishop & Sons, Manufacturers of Fine Cigars, S. W. cor. First and Main Sts.—When W. T. Bishop & Sons opened here in June, '89, Wichita received a boom to her importance as a jobbing center. Messrs. Bishop came to us with a quarter century's experience. W. T., father and head of the house, was twenty-one years in wholesale groceries in Cincinnati. He is a son of R. M. Bishop, former governor of Ohio, and for years the leading grocer of that city. Mr. Bishop's move into the West was thus made after careful consideration, and the selection of Wichita is a great compliment to our city and sustains the assertion that this is destined to be the wholesale centre of the country west of the Mississippi. They first opened in premises farther up street (253 Main)



but when this splendid location fell vacant, their rapidly increasing trade compelled them to take it. It is a handsome corner floor, 25x140, with ample light. The stock is turned over rapidly, new lots arriving and being sent out all the time, and thus goods are always fresh. Their factories are: No. 48, 1st district, Ohio; No. 162, 1st district Ohio; No. 121, 1st district Pennsylvania; No. 415, 1st district Pennsylvania; No. 175, 3d district New York. The two in Cincinnati employ 425 men. Messrs. Bishops' cigars have been known in the West over fifteen years, and since they moved to Wichita the trade has enormously increased. They started here with one traveling man, and now have six in Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Colorado. They are the first exclusive cigar dealers in Wichita and sell more than the balance of the town. W. T. Bishop is himself a born salesman, and imbues his ability and intelligence into his representatives. As collector of internal revenue in the Cincinnati district he collected \$36,000,000, accounting for every cent. He was president of the first board of aldermen in that city two terms, and president of the board of trade. His sons, H. W. and Frank T., are energetic young men.

C. Eisenmayer, Sr., Milling and Elevator Company, 253 N. Main St., Otto Weiss, Agt.—The name of Eisenmayer is synonymous with finest brands of flour. Their agency at Wichita is in the competent hands of Otto Weiss, an old and experienced flour man. Mr. Weiss is a native of Hessen Darmstadt and came to America in May 1872, settling in Wichita. He was in the grocery business four years, and opened this store for Eisenmayer in June 1889. It is 25x100 ft., and filled with a heavy stock of their famous brands. These are: True Grit (hard wheat granulated); Second to None (soft wheat roller patent); Boss Patent (hard wheat roller patent); Cream of Kansas (soft wheat patent.)

Baldwin & Son, 118 East Douglas Avenue, Photographers.—This establishment was originally started on Main street in 1872, but in 1885 it was moved to the above address. A most successful specialty is the instantaneous photographing of babies and children. They thoroughly recognize the urgent need of the highest grade of portrait work and their cabinet photo's are equal to any. They have studied every possibility of making their gallery a model of what one should be, and have reason to feel highly satisfied at the results. Mr. Baldwin was born in Wayne County, Indiana; and was established for over two years in Lawrence, in this state. The skill, care, and honorable dealings of the firm, are amply proven by the liberal share of public favors bestowed on them.

"Joe" the Hatter and Haberdasher, 147 N. Main St.—The name of "Joe" the celebrated hatter and haberdasher, is synonymous with fine furnishing goods. He has been established seven years. The handsome premises occupied are 25x100 ft. Two hands are employed. His stock is the most complete in the Arkansas Valley, and contains the leading makes of fancy and plain shirts, collars, cuffs, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, gloves, silk umbrellas, also elegant smoking coats, flannel jackets and dining gowns. Specialties are Stetson's celebrated hats, also Youman's felt hats. Joe Nirdlinger came here from Philadelphia where he learnt the business. He is perhaps the livest man in Wichita, and has obtained his success by his own efforts.

Douglas Avenue House, T. M. Lane, Proprietor. A landmark of the city of Wichita is the Douglas Avenue House and its well known proprietor, T. M. Lane. The house was built in 1872, is the oldest hotel in town, and was taken by Mr. Lane in October, 1875. It was for years the leading hostelry of the Southwest till the other more modern buildings were erected. It is a frame building, three stories, 50x100 feet, with fifty rooms. Mr. Lane is still managing his house and is one of the best known men in Kansas. He is a native of New York and came here from Champagne, Ill. He owns 193 lots, inside property, in Wichita, several farms and formerly had the La Clede Hotel at Kingman, Kansas, also some good residences. He was city assessor two terms. Mr. Lane is a

courteous gentleman on all occasions, well informed and good company.

Schwartz Brothers, Wholesale and Retail Coal and Coke, 541 W. Douglas Ave.—A successful business is that of Schwartz Brothers, the great west end wholesale and retail coal dealers. They started in September '88, and have built up a large and prosperous trade throughout Southern Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Arkansas. They have six wagons for local trade. They have ten bins, and track room for thirty cars. They handle all the Missouri Pacific coals: Canon City, McAlester, Fleming, Weir City, Pittsburg, Ovid, Miden, Foster, Rich Hill, Lexington, Arkansas Semi Anthracite, Walsen, Robinson, El Moro Coke, Piedmont Smithing, Anthracite. E. J. & C. A. Schwartz, the brothers managing this business, are live and progressive fellows. They are reliable in their representations, making a permanent customer of all who once open relations with them.

Wichita Dining Hall.—Mr. T. Vreeland, the manager of the Wichita Dining Hall, realizing the necessity of supplying a restaurant that should be first-class, and yet have prices within the range of the average business man, opened this establishment and results have fully demonstrated that his views were correct. While the hotel accommodations are comparatively limited, every effort is made to make the restaurant attractive. It is handsomely fitted up and is served by attentive and polite lady waiters. We are able to assure our readers, at home and abroad, that nowhere in the city can meals be served better than at the Wichita Dining Hall. It is conveniently located, at 125 N. Market street, but a step from Main and Douglas, the heart of the business quarter of the city.

H. C. Dunbar, Undertaker and Embalmer: Telephone Nos. 308 or 362; 235 N. Main St.—Mr. Dunbar started in this business four years ago and has ever stood in the lead as one of the most reliable establishments in Southern Kansas. His premises 25x140 feet, perfectly adapted to the business. He has the two finest black and white hearses in the State, and an elegant pair of black horses. Besides attending to funerals, he does a large jobbing trade. He has the largest stock of funeral directors' supplies, metallic caskets and fine burial cases in the West. He gives prompt attention to all calls by telegraph or telephone. Mr. Dunbar was reared in Union County, Indiana, where his uncle was the first undertaker. He served as a boy in the 5th Indiana cavalry. He has been fourteen years in Kansas. He is an I. O. O. F., G. A. R., Mystic Circle, A. O. U. W., and is popularly known for his genial manner and fine common sense.

W. S. Rogers, The Photographer.—One of the best known and oldest houses in Kansas is that of W. S. Rogers. Besides the gallery in Wichita he has branches all over Southwestern Kansas and Oklahoma Territory. He started in 1878. The premises are located at 106 East Douglas Ave., occupying a room 25x90 feet,

partitioned off into the different departments, and all handsomely fitted up in luxuriant style. Photography in all its branches is executed, from locket to life-size, from original pictures or from life, in oil, water-colors, pastel, crayon, etc. He makes a specialty of crayon work, and the work by Mr. Chas. Wilber, late of Decker & Wilber, Cleveland, cannot be surpassed. Mr. Rogers is a native of Wisconsin and came to Wichita in 1872, previous to his entering business here he was on the road. He is a member of the A. . U. W., and is justly considered foremost in his profession.

Robert Jacks, Star Clothing House, Established 1872.—As one of the houses which have promoted the standard of elegance in dress, that of Robert Jacks should not be omitted in a review of those places most desirable in Wichita as purchasing points. His store is 25x125, on Main street. The house buys all its goods for cash from New York manufacturers. Everything is of latest style, and the aim of the proprietor is not to realize a large profit but to supply fine goods at low prices, and to derive his compensation from large sales and quick returns. The average amount of stock carried is \$25,000 and the annual volume of business something over \$50,000. Mr. Jacks was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and came to this state twenty years ago. He is a member of the K. of H. and also of the K. of P.

Wichita Art Gallery, 106 N. Main St.—This business was established here in 1886 by E. W. Enos & Co., and was transferred by them in 1889 to the present proprietor, E. A. Bull. Mr. Bull has fitted up a nice suite of rooms. Adjoining the operating room are the necessary finishing apartments, fitted out with the best appliances. Mr. Bull makes a specialty of copying in India ink, crayon and water colors of all sizes, and his work is his best recommendation. He employs three assistants and does a business of about \$2,500 a year. Born in Illinois, he was a new arrival in Kansas when he opened up this business here. His charges are extremely moderate, and satisfaction guaranteed in every case.

*Southwestern
Business College.*

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Henry Clay said: "Young man, qualify yourself for business. The professions are full and the age demands it. Educate yourself for business and you will succeed now and hereafter." The Southwestern Business College, at which during the late year 500 pupils were enrolled, meets the advice of the great statesman. The principal, E. H. Fritch, is a native of Illinois, and has had ten year's experience. He graduated in 1882 from the College of Commerce (Wesleyan University), and came to Wichita in 1885. He was formerly three years expert accountant for the city of St. Louis, and he also taught there for over a year in Johnson's Commercial College. He is the

finest pen expert in the West, having taken the gold medal for penwork at the State contest in Illinois in 1882. With such a man at the helm, it is no wonder the College has been a brilliant success. Instructors: E. H. Fritch, principal; Chester F. Adams, E. H. Robins, Chas. F. Remsen, E. M. Barber, W. A. Crusinberry, S. Mountain, Theo. Forby, Lena K. Miller, Emma E. Cowan. A specialty of the College is its facilities for teaching banking, the Southwestern Business College Bank being an actual business department.

Arey Furniture Co., Complete House Furnishers, Getto Building.—Conspicuous among the great establishments whose extensive transactions and extending operations make them bulwarks of this city, is the Arey Furniture Co., established in 1887. Mr. Arey started on the opposite side of the street, but a year later moved into his present eligible location. The store has a 50 foot front on Main street and runs back on Second 120 feet. It contains a large and varied stock of furniture, valued at \$25,000, including everything to furnish a house from kitchen to garret—furniture, stoves, carpets, tapestry, queensware, china articles, ornaments, etc. They sell low on the installment plan. Mr. Arey is also owner of the Kansas Spring Bed Co., whose factory is at 544-546 Chicago Avenue. This factory has been running some years, but since it came into his hands, September 22, '90, facilities and output have been largely increased. It consists of a substantial two story brick, 50x100, with addition 40x50. The first floor is devoted to stock and raw material; the second is the factory department. The engine is thirty horse power; boiler, forty. They make excelsior, strips, shuck and shoddy wool, having the best machinery; have also a feather renovator and spring machinery; also steam elevators. They have a capacity for making 200 mattresses a day. They make all kinds of mattresses, including woven wire, cots, pillows, lounges and all parlor furniture; deal in feathers and ticking. Fifteen to twenty men are employed, and two salesmen travel Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. Mr. Arey gives his personal oversight to the factory. A native of New England, he early came west, and was ten years in the spring bed business in Texas; later he had a furniture store in Leadville, from where he moved to Wichita. Always busy, he yet finds time to affiliate with the I. O. O. F., K. of P.'s and F. A. He is liberal and courteous in the treatment of his many customers.

The Knight Investment Co., 200 North Main St.—Among the solid and reliable investment corporations in Wichita we know of none more worthy of prominent mention than this, on account of the public confidence it has gained since its organization in April '89. They occupy handsome and well equipped offices in the Old County Building. Money to any desired amount on wide margin is loaned on real estate, and the

fair and equitable terms offered have drawn to the office a large and most desirable patronage.

Capital, fully paid..... \$ 60,000
Total Liability of Stockholders..... 120,000

OFFICES.

WICHITA: 200 N. MAIN STREET, HOME OFFICE.

NEW YORK: 1 BROADWAY, EASTERN OFFICE.

BANKS AND BANKERS.

LONDON—BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO.

NEW YORK—BANK OF AMERICA.

ST. LOUIS—BOATMEN'S BANK.

WICHITA—CITIZEN'S BANK.

TRUSTEE.

THE ATLANTIC TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK.

STATEMENT of the condition of THE KNIGHT INVESTMENT COMPANY, Wichita, Kansas, at the close of business, October 31, 1890.

RESOURCES:

Real Estate Loans.....	\$49,946.66
Discounts.....	9,177.00
Tax Sale Certificates.....	95.33
Furniture and Fixtures.....	899.00
Past Due Interest.....	294.67
Interest Due Nov. 1, 1890.....	165.00
Due from Sundry Persons.....	35.40
Cash in Banks.....	9,226.44
Cash in Office.....	294.71
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	\$69,534.21

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock.....	\$60,000.00
Surplus.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits.....	351.41
Time Deposits.....	4,200.00
Other Deposits.....	3,415.76
Interest paid us before due.....	67.10
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	\$69,534.21

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SEDGWICK, SS.

I, H. F. KNIGHT, Treasurer of the aforesaid Company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. KNIGHT, TREAS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of October, 1890. E. I. SPENCER, Notary Public.

My Commission will expire September 2nd, 1891.

THE KNIGHT INVESTMENT COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of Kansas. Its business consists in making and negotiating a high grade of loans, secured by first mortgage exclusively, on real estate, worth, at a conservative appraisalment, at the least, two and one-half times the amount of the loan.

These loans, evidenced by a bond and coupons, net the purchaser 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. The bond and coupons are payable at The Bank of America, in New York City, but remittance will be made direct from the office at Wichita when desired, or any bank in the East will cash them without expense.

In addition to the improved real property behind the loans, The Knight Investment Company guarantees that, in every instance

1st. The title is perfect, and the mortgage is a first lien.

2d. All taxes will be kept paid during the life of the loan.

3d. Insurance will be maintained.

4th. The principal and interest will be paid.

The financial liability of such guaranty is equal to twice the amount of the cash capital of the Company, which fact enforces prudence and care in making the loans. It goes without saying, then, that such loans, is made with conservatism by a responsible corporation, will be as safe and as prompt in interest payments as it is possible to find anywhere; and to any person or institution that desires a sure and prompt income, with the element of speculation eliminated, and with interest as large as is consistent with safety or principal, they will find what they seek in their 6 per cent. guaranteed mortgages.

These loans are made by us in the great State of Kansas, which contains over 51,000,000 of acres of land. The railroads of the state embrace 8,100 miles, being the second largest mileage of any of the states. Its population is over 1,400,000, and its fertility is unsurpassed anywhere in the world; 35,000,000 bushels of wheat and some 250,000,000 bushels of corn were raised in 1889 alone, and yet farm lands are worth but \$15 to \$50 per acre, according to the location and improvements.

The Knight Investment Company does not try to do a *large* business, but a *safe* business. Our loans do not net the purchaser more than 6 per cent., as that is the present maximum rate that is obtainable on *perfectly safe securities*. We quote the following from the last report of the Bank Commissioners of New Hampshire. It is found on page 8, report of 1889.

"Interest rates have continually lessened on conservative Western investments. Agencies of established reputation, are placing but few Western farm loans, or city loans on improved property, that net the investor much more than 6 per cent. * * * Loans bearing higher rates of interest, are on farms in undesirable sections of the West, or on unimproved town or city property, or made upon an excessive valuation of the property. * * * Such loans are not proper investments for savings banks."

Their office is in the midst of their business, where the loans can be carefully watched, and their management and directory are in the hands of Western gentlemen, who are on the ground, and who do not live in the East, 1,500 miles from the knowledge which is essential to conducting this or any other business at the West, with care and ultimate success.

The President, Mr. Augustus Knight, capitalist, resides in St. Louis. Secretary and Treasurer, H. F. Knight, is a native of St. Louis. N. C. Knight, Vice-President and Manager, also born in St. Louis has been in the business since 1886. By his able and popular management, he has built up a large and fast increasing business, and on his shoulders must chiefly be laid the grand success of the concern. The officers of the Knight Investment Co. are gentlemen of sterling financial integrity and ability, who have ever proved loyal to Wichita's best interest.

Letters of inquiry are invited and will be cheerfully answered.

HOME OFFICE: WICHITA, KANSAS.

Wm. E. Shastid, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, 224 E. Douglas Ave.—A commendable name in connection with the medical profession of Wichita is that of Wm. E. Shastid, M. D. He is a native of Illinois, and studied with his father, a physician of Pittsfield, Ill. The doctor graduated in 1886 from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He also took degree of A. M. at Eureka College, Illinois, and has been practicing with success here four years. He is well known as surgeon to the Wichita Hospital and as a member of the State Medical Society. He was Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the late Wichita Medical College. He is a Master Mason. Dr. Shastid as a physician and surgeon holds the confidence of a large number of families, whose regular physician he is.

D. W. Smith, Dentist, 117 North Main St.—The dental parlors of D. W. Smith are located at the above address. The operating rooms are supplied with many of the latest improved dental appliances, and everything that could contribute to the comfort of patrons. Dr. Smith is always on the alert for any new invention which will aid him in the practice of his profession. The Dr. is a native of N. Y., and belonged to Co. A., 101st Ohio Infantry. He studied dentistry in 1864 at Norwalk, Ohio, and practiced in Shelby, O., Chicago and Jackson, Mich. He helped to establish the Chair of Dentistry at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was for a long time at Jackson, Mich, and was treasurer of the State Dental Association. He came to Wichita in 1877. He is a member of State Dental Association. He is a gentleman of liberal education and culture, and has gained a large patronage in this city and the surrounding districts.

EL DORADO.

A FLOURISHING city situated in the centre of Butler County, of which it is the seat of justice. As a point of immigration it became somewhat prominent about 1870, and since that time it has steadily increased in wealth and industry, and now contains some 5,000 of a prosperous population.

It is located in the fertile valley of the Walnut, which produces large quantities of corn, as also great numbers of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

This district adjacent to the city is being rapidly settled, the increase of population necessitating a constant enlargement of the business facilities in the city. Thus we have now in El Dorado some of the finest business blocks in the country, with the stores fitted up with all modern and improved appliances. The residence portion of the city can also boast of many homes of architectural beauty, comfort, and convenience, bearing testimony to the intelligence and enterprise of the inhabitants.

As a railway centre it is coming rapidly to the front. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the St. Louis, Fort Scott & Wichita, a line of the Missouri Pacific, the Fort Smith, El Dorado & Northwestern and the Chicago, Kansas & Western afford communication in every direction, and directly with Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast. By means of these trade can be pushed into every township of the surrounding country, and through these is found one of the main arteries for the extensive commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The manufacturing industries of the city, although still in their infancy, give great promise of future development. They are represented by the following:

Water and Steam Rolling Mill, operated by a 52-inch turbine wheel, and when necessary, by a 50 horse power engine, and with a capacity of 75 barrels per day.

Woolen Mill, a large, substantial structure, built expressly for the manufacture of the wool so abundantly grown in the surrounding district.

Butter and Cheese Factory, with a 300 gallon rotary churn, and a separator with a capacity of 1,200 pounds per hour, producing butter which is shipped in tubs to all points west of the city.

Brick Yard, with one pressed brick machine, furnishing a supply of superior brick for home and shipping purposes.

Furniture Factory, with its products of elegant household and office furniture. There are also two *Machine Shops*, *Planing Mill*, *Iron Foundry*, *Carriage and Wagon*, *Cigar and Tobacco Factories*.

In addition to the above are the machine shops of a division of the Missouri Pacific, the round house, car shops, and bridge and building departments, affording employment to 230 men, whose wages add from \$10,000 to \$12,000 to the monthly receipts in the busy business blocks.

The church organizations are: United Brethren, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopalian, and their various places of worship are numerous and regularly attended.

The schools consist of four solid brick and stone buildings, where 1,200 children daily receive instruction under a staff of experienced teachers.

Four banks minister to the financial wants of the community, the National Bank, of El Dorado, the Exchange National, the Merchants and the Bank of El Dorado.

The newspaper world is ably represented by the *El Dorado Republican*, the *Butler County Democrat*, and other publications.

The city is lighted by gas and electricity, and is well supplied with water. The direct pressure and stand pipe system of water-works along with well organized hook, ladder and hose companies, afford ample protection in case of fire. The city, in short, is up to the modern standard, and is a very desirable location for all anxious in the prosecution and extension of their business.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF EL DORADO.

Clogston, Hamilton, Fuller & Cubbison, Attorneys at Law.—This firm stands at the top of the Eldorado bar. Judge Clogston is well known as late Supreme Court Commissioner. A. L. L. Hamilton, late judge 26th judicial district, has charge of the El Dorado branch of the firm. He was born in Pennsylvania, and studied law with General Weaver of Iowa, and M. J. Williams of Iowa, having

graduated in April, 1871, from the law department of the State University of Iowa, since which time he has practiced with eminent success. Headquarters at Husted building, Kansas City, Kansas; branch offices at El Dorado, Kansas, and at Eureka, Kansas, at the last of which Mr. D. B. Fuller resides. Mr. J. K. Cubbison resides at Kansas City. In connection with the El Dorado office, we would mention Mr. B. R. Leydig, born in Ohio, who, having studied at this office, has practiced with much enterprise many years. With their extended experience and abilities, this firm is as safe as it is possible for human intellect or ability to be. ¹

The Exchange National Bank.—El Dorado is much favored in the management of her banks. The Exchange National Bank was organized as a State bank in 1875 and as a national bank on 26th June, 1884. The capital is \$100,000. Judge Redden, the president, is a native of Delaware; J. Benningdorf, vice-president, of Pennsylvania; H. H. Gardner, cashier, the gentleman upon whose shoulders the active management of the bank devolves, was born in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. He has had ten years experience in banking and has lived in El Dorado twenty-one years. He came here from Chicago, where for many years he was engaged in the dry goods house of J. B. Farwell & Co. In the responsible position of cashier he has been eminently successful. He is assisted by Mr. J. D. Rearick, assistant cashier, a native of Illinois.

Hoyt Brothers, Loan and Insurance Brokers, Office over National Bank.—The history of life on the American continent has always proven the motto, that, "A man makes his business." Hoyt Brothers are the successors to Robbins & Hoyt, who were established six years ago. They are extensive loan and insurance brokers. Money to any desired extent is loaned on real estate, and personal property also. Their specialties are farm and city loans at low rates, fire and tornado insurance, and renting farms for non-residents. They represent thirteen leading fire insurance companies. The largest fire insurance agency in the county. Hoyt Brothers are natives of Ohio; they are gentlemen thoroughly imbued with the great benefits to be derived from the well known companies they represent, which are among the most reliable and best managed companies that the world has seen; whose record is the pride of the insurance world, and for which they are prepared to take desirable risks for any amount.

J. C. Rodgers, P. M.—Mr. Rodgers has been Postmaster here for two years. He was born in Ohio and is the son of an old soldier. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and has formerly been engaged in various enterprises, having been in the hardware business five years, in the oil business seven, and banking two. As Postmaster, he has given the utmost satisfaction, doing his many duties in that very responsible post in a careful and conscientious manner, standing high in social and commercial circles.

G. W. Tolle, The Leading Clothier.—Mr. G. W. Tolle, the well known leading clothier of El Dorado, has been favorably known here twenty years. His store is specially fitted up for showing off to advantage the unsurpassed stock of men's and boys' clothing, boots, shoes, etc. He was born in Illinois and is a Mason. Mr. Tolle is an active, energetic business man, justly worthy the esteem with which he is regarded.

Charles Schram, Sheriff of Butler County.—Among those who conduce to the welfare of El Dorado and Butler County, is Charles Schram, who is a native of Germany, and has been well known in Kansas for twenty years. He is prominently identified with the Masons and I. O. O. F., and was formerly Deputy Sheriff. He is one of the most capable and efficient men that Butler County has ever had in any office, and is cut out for a Sheriff; quick, active and fearless, he has at the same time a pleasant and affable manner; he is full of business and attends to his affairs very promptly.

W. H. Curry, Clerk of the District Court.—The above office calls for the exercise of such qualities as good judgment, diligence and carefulness. An official who is possessed of these is the present incumbent, W. H. Curry, who was born in Tennessee. He has farmed in Butler County ten years; is a Mason and has lived in Kansas twelve years. Mr. Curry is personally one of the most popular of our citizens and is a bulwark of our standing, prosperity and happiness.

D. Boyden, Register of Deeds.—A name identified with the welfare of Butler County is that of Mr. D. Boyden, who formerly was deputy register for four years, and in the abstract and loan business here four years. He was born in Massachusetts, and has lived twenty years in Kansas, ten engaged in farming. He is a Mason, K. of P. and belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 73rd Illinois Infantry. As register of deeds he has given great satisfaction to the public and officary.

J. D. Conner, Treasurer of Butler County.—Mr. J. D. Conner was born in Ireland, and is serving his second term as county treasurer. He belongs to the G. A. R., having served in the 9th Kansas Cavalry. He has lived in Kansas since 1857, and has farmed for many years. He has filled the office of county treasurer with the profoundest of satisfaction to the people.

H. B. Windoffer, Merchant Tailor.—The extensive business carried on by Mr. H. B. Windoffer was started August, 1889. The premises are 20x50 feet, which is admirably suited for the transaction of the heavy business. The store is well arranged for the display of the large stock of cloths, cassimeres, broadcloths, suitings, etc. A large force of proficient tailors is employed, while the proprietor himself is a practical and experienced tailor. He is a native of Germany and is an energetic merchant, whose success is but the natural result of his legitimate desert.

The Boyden Abstract Co.—In giving an authentic history of the business interests of this city, the list would be very incomplete without due mention of the above concern. Mr. Boyden, president, founded the business eleven years ago, and has lived in Butler County twenty years. Mr. M. H. Taylor, secretary, has also lived in the county twenty years. Special attention given to perfecting titles. This company has an account, as it would be commercially termed, with every lot and tract of land, which at once reveals the history, the encumbrance it has borne and every transaction of which it has formed a part. The *personnel* of this company is too well known in this section to require any eulogy at our hands.

Frank M. Shick, Agent Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.—Mr. Frank Shick was born in Iowa and has had eight years' experience in the express and railroad business. He has lived in Kansas since 1872. He is an A. O. U. W. and member of the Kansas Railway Station Agents' Association. He has won the unbounded confidence of the public and the important corporations of which he is the conscientious local manager, on account of his steady and reliable conduct.

J. W. Heiser, Loans and Insurance.—One of the prominent city enterprises in its important branch of commercial activity is that of J. W. Heiser's, which from the establishment, has had a rapid growth. Money to any desired amount is loaned on real estate or personal property also, and the fair and equitable terms offered have drawn to the office a large patronage. In the insurance department standard companies are represented, the combined assets of which aggregate some millions, and risks are placed on all insurable property, and losses promptly and satisfactorily adjusted. Mr. Heiser was born in Pennsylvania. He is numbered among the representative men of the city.

Oddy & Co., Real Estate, Loan, Insurance, Rental and Collecting Agents.—Oddy & Co. have been known in Butler County for six years; they are heavy real estate, loan and insurance, rental and collecting agents. Conveyancing neatly and promptly done. Mr. Wm. Oddy was born in England. He is Notary Public and has lived in Kansas thirty-five years. He is a G. A. R., and served in the 1st Colorado Battery. Much credit attaches to the efforts of such an ably conducted concern as Oddy & Co's.

The El Dorado Republican was founded in 1882, is the official paper of Butler County and has a circulation of 2,500. T. B. Murdock, the owner, is an old newspaper man, a native of Virginia. He has been a practical printer all his life.

H. F. Boyd, Wholesale Dealer in Cigars, Etc.—Conspicuous among the enterprising mercantile concerns in El Dorado, we note the house of H. F. Boyd, established seven years. The well-ordered premises are 24x80 feet. He deals (wholesale) extensively in tobacco, cigars and smokers' supplies. His facilities for successfully conducting the business are of an unusually complete character, enabling him to offer his numerous customers advantages difficult to duplicate. Mr. Boyd was born in New York, and is a member of the F. M. C. His business policy is prompt and honorable, while his far-reaching mercantile connections are of direct value to the city.

H. Conley, Proprietor of the City Meat Market.—This popular meat market was established thirteen years ago. The premises are 25x72 feet. Two hands are required. The Market has become famous. Mr. Conley has one of the finest flowing salt wells in the country, 1052 feet deep, out of which water—heavily impregnated with salt—flows. Daily capacity 200 barrels. The well is for lease or sale. Mr. Conley was born in New York and served in the Mexican War.

WINFIELD.

AMONG the many enterprising cities of Southern Kansas, none offers greater inducements to the home-seeker, the investor or business man than Winfield. It is the county seat and center of one of the most productive regions of territory in the great belt of agriculture of the State and has tributary more acres of rich, fertile agricultural land than any other city in the West. In fact, the thirty counties penetrated by the railroads reaching out from this city, are not equalled for the same number of acres by the amount of agricultural products, by any territory in the United States. The statistics for 1889, the last compiled and published, verifies this statement.

Winfield is located on an elevated plateau, and for a new city—being only about eighteen years old—is the most picturesque and attractive in this beautiful, sunny plain. There is, at present, from seven to eight thousand inhabitants, and everything is down to bed-rock. There is no boom or blow connected with her business enterprises. Legitimate trade has taken the place of speculation, and there is no fever of uncertainty about the future of the city.

As stated above, the city has tributary to her the richest agricultural region of the West, which is permeated by nine railroads reaching out in every direction; hence there is located

here the largest milling business in this part of the State, the capacity being about eight hundred barrels of flour per day. This is also the largest produce depot in Kansas, more being shipped from here to New York, Texas, Colorado and other sections than from any other point.

The city has all the modern conveniences, gas, water-works, electric lights, street railways, etc., and is especially well provided with educational facilities in the Southwest M. E. College and well conducted public schools. Here meets each year, in one of the most beautiful parks, the Chautauqua Assembly. All the religious denominations are represented here and have commodious places of worship.

In addition to the various manufacturing enterprises, a source of wealth is connected with the stone interest. The magnesia limestone, which is here in unlimited abundance, is pronounced the best for building and other purposes of any in the State. It is obtained with little labor and shipped to all points. Winfield is ornamented with it in her palatial buildings, and over seventy miles of flagging has been used in laying sidewalks. The Walnut River, upon which our excellent water-works system is located, furnishes power to run a vast quantity of machinery and is a clear stream abounding in excellent food fish of various kinds. By this stream the city is furnished with perfect drainage, which aids in making it one of the healthiest localities known.

The population is American—intelligent and moral, having every attraction for the highest type of home-life.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WINFIELD.

Peckham & Henderson, Attorneys at Law.—This well known firm consisting of Charles J. Peckham, Ben. S. Henderson and Ed. L. Peckham, succeeded Jennings & Troup in 1886, and have since then been doing one of the most extensive general law businesses in the State. Their offices consisting of a suite of four rooms over the First National Bank are among the most frequented in the city. The Peckhams, father and son are natives of Chicago, and Mr. Peckham, senior, was admitted there in 1859; his son, who studied law in California and later in this state was admitted here in 1887, and while his father is eminently known as one of the leading lawyers of the southern Kansas bar, he is one of its promising juniors. Both father and son belong to the Masonic order. Col. Peckham being high up in the degrees. Col. Peckham enlisted early in the

war in the 139th Illinois, and was speedily promoted by his regiment to Colonel. Both are members of the Episcopal church here and lend grace and dignity to the city's life. Mr. Henderson who has been here for the past ten years, moving here from Sedan; he was admitted to the bar in Indiana in August, 1887, and here in May 1879. He served through the war with the 23rd Kentucky, and is one of the leading members of the local G. A. R. post, and of the K. P. and I. O. O. F. He is a shrewd and practical lawyer, and one of the most popular men of the community. The firm are lawyers for the Missouri Pacific railway and for the First National Bank and Winfield National Bank and other large concerns.

Beach & Torrance, Attorneys.—This firm is one of the most vigorous of the Winfield bar, and during its career has conducted many cases to a successful issue. David C. Beach was born in Indiana. He studied law with Thatcher & Banks of Lawrence, Kas., and was admitted to practice in 1869. He has practiced with success in Winfield for the last thirteen years. J. E. Torrance was born in Ohio. He studied law with Mouser & Kelly of Shelbyville, Illinois, and has been practicing his chosen profession since 1881, when he was admitted to the bar. These enterprising gentlemen prosecute their clients' interest with judgment and vigor, with due respect to opposing parties.

Sam D. Pryor, Attorney at Law.—One of the oldest members of the Southern Kansas Bar, is Sam. D. Pryor, who has been practicing law here for the past twenty years, and who graduated with high honors from the Chicago Law School in 1869. Mr. Pryor has been identified with the growth and prosperity of the city from its infancy. He is a native of Illinois, and a pleasant gentleman, and a shrewd lawyer. He belongs to the National Union, and is attorney for the Winfield National Bank.

McDermott & Johnson, Attorneys at Law.—This well known firm of lawyers who have been doing a large share of Cowley County's legal business for the last ten years, having during that time established a reputation both for ability and square dealing. Mr. McDermott has been practicing since 1867, and in this county for twenty years. Mr. Albert P. Johnson who joined Mr. McDermott, one of the city's old residents, in '80, was born in Washington County, Ark., in '55. He is a graduate of the Arkansas Industrial University class of '76, and from the law school of Ann Arbor in '79, when he located in this city. He belongs to the Baptist church, and is an influential member of the Masonic fraternity.

Dalton & Dalton, Attorneys at Law, Rooms 16, 17 and 18, Hackney Building.—This firm who have been doing their share of Winfield's legal business for the past seven years, consists of Samuel Dalton, and his wife, Elma B. Dalton. Mr. Dalton is a native of Indiana, graduated from the State University there in 1871, and was admitted to the bar in 1877, he then prac-

Eaton, Pollock & Love, Attorneys at Law.—Of the various prominent names which go to make up the strength of the Arkansas City Bar, few command more respect, or confidence than the above. They also have offices at Winfield, Kansas, the county seat, where Messrs. Eaton & Pollock practice. Mr. J. Mack Love, the resident partner at Arkansas City, was born in Ohio, raised in Illinois and has been practicing here with signal success since 1887. He studied with Pepper & Wilson, of Illinois, and formerly practiced for ten years in Iowa. He graduated from Monmouth College, Illinois. He is a Mason and I. O. O. F., and an acknowledged master of his profession.

Z. T. Armstrong, Attorney at Law—A native of Missouri, is one of the most active and clear-headed men at the Arkansas City Bar. His office is located over the First National Bank. He studied law with Judge W. R. Dainingerfield and Edward Lynch of San Francisco, and graduated in 1885 from the Hastings College of Law, University of California, since which time he has practiced here with signal success. He is Justice of the Peace. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of this fraternity and the confidence of the people.

Scott & Wintin, Attorneys at Law.—One of the most flourishing concerns in the city, established on April 1st, 1890, when both members of the firm were admitted to the bar, is that of Scott & Wintin. Mr. Scott is a native of Pekin, Ills., and was two years superintendent of the Indian training school near this place. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., is a good Democrat and an honest lawyer. Mr. Wintin is a native of Tennessee and was raised in Missouri. He has been a resident of this county for twenty-one years. He now holds the office of Police Judge in this city. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., Order of Select Friends, and to the great Democratic party.

Cummings & Pond, Attorneys at Law.—This well known law firm was established in 1889, though both members have been practicing here for more than double that time. For so young a firm their position is wonderfully well established, and their reputation for legal ability and careful attention to the interests of their clients is one that might be envied by many older establishments. Mr. Cummings is a native of Buda, Illinois, and graduated with honors from the Law School of the Michigan University in 1883, and was admitted at Ottawa, Illinois in 1884. He has been a resident of this city since '86. Mr. Pond is a native of Hartford, Conn., but spent most of his youth in New York City and in Michigan. He is a graduate of Columbia, of the class of '84, and was admitted to the bar in the Supreme Court in New York City in the following year.

Their offices in the Colorado building are the most stylish and furnished in keeping with the prominent position the firm occupies.

Brown Brothers, Law and Loan Business.—This firm composed of G. L. Brown, who was for four years previously in the loan business by himself, and C. L. Brown, attorney at law, who graduated from McKendree College in Illinois in 1887 and attended the St. Louis Law School also, commenced business under the above name in September, 1888. Mr. George L. Brown gives his attention to the loan and mortgage department, while his brother attends to the legal branch, lifts the title and indebtedness on proposed security, etc; he was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1886, Missouri in 1887, and Kansas in 1888. The firm combines in itself the best elements of success, and is known through the county as one of the most practical, liberal and reliable institutions of its kind.

J. L. Huey, Loans, Mortgages, etc.—One of the prominent figures in the prosperity of Arkansas City is J. L. Huey. Mr. Huey came here in 1872 with a corps of civil engineers surveying Indian lands and resigned his position with it, to take an appointment in the Arkansas City Bank in which he remained until 1889, by which time he had become cashier and a large stockholder in the concern, which was sold in that year to the present firm. Mr. Huey still holds stock in the First National. He is a native of Pennsylvania and has been a prime mover in the city's welfare since its earliest days. He is now a member of the Business Men's Club and of the Board of trade.

J. W. Hutchison & Son, Real Estate and Loans.—This well known firm was established in 1887 by Mr. J. W. Hutchison, previously of the firm of Snyder & Hutchison, one of the city's real estate firms and publishers of *Farm and Home*, and his son, F. B. Hutchison. Bringing into the business not only a large percentage of the patronage of the old firm, but a well established reputation for liberality and thorough reliability, Mr. Hutchison's success was assured from the outset, and his son's energy and vim have contributed to a scarcely less degree to this gratifying result. Both father and son are originally from Iowa and both have been known here for a decade.

S. P. Gould, Abstract Office.—A thoroughly trustworthy abstractor is S. P. Gould, who in '88 purchased the business of Simpson & McCague. By hard work and much expense he has succeeded in compiling one of the finest set of books in Kansas. He has been in this city eight years, and previously to going into abstracts was six years in books and stationery. He owns much real estate. He is a native of Illinois and has ever been an energetic and straightforward man of business, and active member of the Presbyterian church.

WELLINGTON.

Mrs. Edith Love, Postmistress.—In the happiness of a community nothing is of greater importance than the efficiency of its post office. In this respect Wellington is to be congratulated. Mrs. Love is a native of Old Virginia, has been a resident of this city 12 years and in her present office four years, where she has made nothing but friends by her bright and cheerful disposition and unexcelled executive ability. Wellington is fortunate in having so accomplished a lady in charge of its office.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Elwood Peter, Agent.—Mr. Elwood Peter, the Wells-Fargo agent for the last four years, was agent at Kiowa for four years, and acting agent at Chanute two years previous to that, before he was appointed here in 1886. He is a pleasant mannered and well informed gentleman, and has by his many social and good business qualities established for himself a large and influential circle of friends.

BELLE PLAINE.

BELLE PLAINE has the distinction of being the first town organized in Sumner County. It is situated near the banks of the Ninnescah River, and about two miles west of the river Arkansas. The surrounding country is looked upon with pride and satisfaction by the farmer, the soil being eminently adapted for the cultivation of wheat, corn, and other cereals; as well as for the raising of horses, cattle, and other kind of stock. For the shipping of the products and for general intercourse with the outer world, facilities are afforded by two great railroads; the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and the Missouri Pacific. The various branches of business usually carried on in the country town, have each their representatives here, and the neat and well appointed stores contain abundant supplies for the wants of the neighboring community. The roads are kept in good condition, and the side walks are paved with flagstones in the business portion of the town.

A school house with its staff of teachers affords the requisite education for the rising generation. There are churches for the three christian denominations; Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian, and their separate rolls of membership indicate to some extent the orderly and well regulated nature of the town.

Branches of various societies are established here: G. A. R., Relief Corps, A. O. U. W., Freemasons, I. O. O. F., and Sons of Veterans.

The population of the town is 800, and the inhabitants form one of the happiest, and most courteous communities, to be found in the State of Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF BELLE PLAINE.

John M. Blanpied, Postmaster.—The postmaster at Belle Plaine is one of Kansas worthy

and esteemed citizens. A native of Ohio, he served three years in the 122d Ohio, Co. B., being promoted to the rank of sergeant; he was at the first fight at Winchester, and through the thickest of the Virginia campaigns, in thirty-six battles up to the surrender at Appomattox. He came to Iowa immediately after the cessation of hostilities and came to Kansas in '71; he sold goods on the road; was also town constable some time, and has done various things for a living. Though rheumatic from army service he has not received much recognition from the pension bureau. He became postmaster in October '89. Mr. Blanpied is a gentleman, always courteous and obliging, and has numerous friends. He is an encampment I. O. O. F., an active G. A. R. man, and the right man in the right place.

Central Drug Store, R. V. Brockaw.—This drug store is an attractive and well arranged establishment, "grand without and beautiful within." It occupies a building 25x80 feet. The shelves, counters and cases are handsomely finished and of modern design. The stock is admirably displayed and contains a complete line of drugs and chemicals, patent medicines and proprietary articles, toilet necessities, perfumery, surgical instruments, cigars and tobacco. Mr. Brockaw is just the man for a successful druggist. He is a native of New Jersey, was reared in Kansas, learning the rudiments of his profession at Louisburg, Miami County. He conducted a store some years as partner in the firm of Brockaw & Co., in Hodgeman County, and bought the Central Drug Store in the spring of '89. A leader in business, Mr. Brockaw is also a popular society man and prominent in the K. of P.

G. H. Stuck, Fifth Avenue Meat Market.—Mr. Stuck commenced business here five years ago and by close attention to his patron's wants and handling only first class fresh meats has obtained a large trade. He employs two men inside and keeps two wagons in the county. Mr. Stuck was born in Pennsylvania. He spent thirteen years of his life in Missouri and has been ten years in the meat business. He is a big A. O. U. W.

A. Graff, T. N. Andrews, Manager; Implements and Harness.—A representative establishment of Belle Plaine is that of A. Graff, the implement and harness dealer. This is a branch house of Mr. Graff's at Wellington, and was opened here in March last by the purchase of the house of a former firm. The building is 40x100 feet and admirably adapted to the display of the large and excellent stock carried. This runs in value about \$7,000, and consists of a full line of carriages, buggies, spring and road wagons, wagon material, light and heavy harness, robes and stable supplies, mowers, reapers, binders, threshers, harrows and farming tools; also hardware and stoves. The house manufactures harness in Wellington. T. N. Andrews, the local manager at Belle Plaine, is a courteous salesman. A native of Michigan; he was on the road eight years; came to Kansas in 1884 and with Mr. Graff two years later. He is a K. of P. and A. O. U. W. The house stands as a leader in Sumner county, and its branch at Belle Plaine supports its name and does the trade honor.

Linden Hotel.—In the Linden Hotel Belle Plaine has a well ordered hostelry. The proprietor has had forty-four years' experience in hotel business and his house is a credit to the city. It is a spacious building fronting on two streets, in the centre of the town; has twenty bed-rooms, sample rooms on first floor, dining-room and office. Mr. Grey is a native of New York State, is one of our county's most substantial men. He runs a 'bus to all trains and livery in connection with the house, and lays himself out to please all guests.

H. L. Quail, A. T. & S. F., and Wells-Fargo Agent.—In Mr. Quail the Santa Fe and Wells-Fargo have a trusted servant alive to his duties and attentive to the public's interests. Born in Pennsylvania, he is noted as a telegraph operator, and was some years with the Standard Oil Co., in Pennsylvania. He has been station agent for the Santa Fe twelve years and took his position at Belle Plaine in April, 1887, since when the affairs, both railroad and express have shown a marked and successful management. Mr. Quail is a leading man in the A. O. U. W. and employs one smart assistant in the depot.

C. C. Curtis, Carriages and Implements; I. Willey, Manager.—An old time-honored carriage house in Sumner County, is that of C. C. Curtis of Wellington. The branch house at Belle Plaine is under the management of I. Willey, who, during his stay of eight years here has made enduring friends. He occupies a spacious main building 25x80 feet, with a large shed in the rear. He carries a stock of over \$2,000 worth of carriages, buggies and implements; among the more noted specialties being Deerings' mowers and binders, Randolph header, Cortlandt carriages, Moline plows and Milburn wagons. Mr. Willey is careful in all his transactions. Born in Indiana, he served in the army in hospital service, and has resided eight years in Kansas, during all of which time he has been with Mr. Curtis. He has officiated as Justice of the Peace and in other positions.

MULVANE.

MULVANE is pleasantly situated in the great Arkansas valley, midway between Wichita and Wellington. The Arkansas River runs one mile west of the city, and the bottom lands reach to the city limits. The townsite proper is on elevated and gently rolling ground, which gives the city a fine appearance, and secures an extensive view of the surrounding country. Good water is obtained in abundance at a depth varying from twenty to thirty feet. The location is unusually healthy, even for Kansas, which is partly due to the fact that there never is any stagnant water to be found in or near the city to breed disease.

Mulvane is a junction on the A., T. & S. F. Southern system, and has lines of road radiating in five directions. Through trains run from this city to Galveston, Panhandle, Kansas City and Englewood. The amount of railroad business is very large. It is no uncommon thing for fifty trains to leave Mulvane in one day during the busy shipping season.

It is a division on the C. K. & W. branch of the Santa Fe, and the best watering station on the entire Santa Fe system.

Mulvane passed through the "boom period" in safety, without catching the contagion. Never had a boom, but has always enjoyed a steady and healthy growth. Never voted any bonds, except to build a school house, and they are now paid, leaving the city entirely free from debt. No mania for building any unnecessary houses ever prevailed, hence it is a rare thing to see either a vacant dwelling or business house. A majority of the citizens own their dwellings, and most of the business men have warranty deeds for their buildings.

A Building and Loan Association was organized March 1st, 1887, and has been in successful operation ever since. A new series has been started each year, and many people now have homes nearly paid for, who otherwise would have paid as much money for rent, and still have no homes.

The business men are energetic, full of Western push, good advertisers in their home newspaper, and have always enjoyed a good trade in the lines represented. The farmers of the surrounding country vie with their city friends in enterprise, and there is a mutual good feeling between them.

Mulvane is noted as a fine stock center, especially for fine horses. In the fall of 1884 the editor of the *Mulvane Record* induced the farmers and stock men to bring in their colts and hold a "colt show." Enough money was raised by voluntary contributions to pay small premiums on the best colts. This was an epoch in the history of horse raising in this vicinity, and gave that business an impetus that has made the "colt show" a fixed institution, as shown by the fact that it has now been held, with increasing interest, for seven years in succession, and made Mulvane the recognized "horse centre" of Southern Kansas. The most popular breeds are heavy draft and roadsters. Col. H. C. Helbert, one of the pioneer settlers in this valley, and a member of the original Mulvane Town Company, has shipped over two hundred pedigreed stock horses from here to Texas, where he sold them mostly to companies of farmers.

William Buckholz is devoting his entire time to raising fine horses, of which he has about forty. Mr. William Douglass, an expert horseman, has recently moved here from Emporia, and brought his large stud of fine roadsters with him. All these things have combined to make this city a very lively horse market.

This city also enjoys a wide-spread notoriety on account of the fine Spanish merino sheep raised in the vicinity by Reynolds & Daved. Their sheep have yielded fleeces weighing from thirty pounds for best ewe, to fifty-two pounds for best ram. They have had buyers from all parts of the United States, and one from the Orange Free State in Southern Africa.

Other stock interests are fully and ably represented, and Mulvane ships more stock than most cities of her size.

The education of the youth is carefully provided for. The schools are thoroughly and systematically graded. Five teachers are employed, and all the rooms are so crowded that it will be necessary to erect another school building before the beginning of the next school year.

The Presbyterians, Methodists and Christians have church buildings and resident ministers.

Only one business failure has occurred in the city since it was first laid out, and there are no shaky firms here now. Nearly all the lines of ordinary mercantile business are represented excepting clothing. There is a very good opening now for an exclusive clothing store, if put in by a party with the necessary experience and capital.

Mulvane has always been prosperous and now has bright prospects before her. Out of debt, surrounded by prosperous farmers, backed by an immense railroad and stock interest, good society, good schools, good churches, entire harmony between city and county combine to make this city a pleasant and profitable place to live.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MULVANE.

Mulvane State Bank.—The Mulvane State Bank adds no little to this community and is one of the best and most substantial of its kind in the state. It was established in 1886. The capital is \$60,000; \$30,000 of this being paid up. The directory includes the best talent and business standing of the city. W. H. Eagan is President, a gentleman whose career needs no comment. He was born in Illinois and came from there to Kansas in 1870 and settled on a farm near this town. He was elected township trustee and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. L. E. Hill is cashier and came to Mulvane from Michigan in 1885. He is a thoroughly capable and experienced banker, devoted to a legitimate banking business in loans, discounts and collections. The bank has, during the four years of its existence, succeeded in establishing the most favorable relations with the principal banking institutions of the country and has impressed all with its honorable dealings and sound management. Their policy has been to actively assist merchants in the town and county, and this policy has been strictly adhered to, and its wisdom has been endorsed by the great and growing success of its operations.

W. C. Robinson, General Merchandise.—The largest dealer in general merchandise here is Mr. W. C. Robinson, who came here when the city was first organized, and who has increased his business with its growth. His store is 25x75 feet in extent, two stories, brick, which he built and owns. Soon after starting he was burnt out, but was soon on his feet again, and tho' he started with comparatively nothing, he is to-day one of the most solid and substantial men of the county. He is a native of New York; and has brought all his Yankee shrewdness, and business ability, to bear on his business here. His stock invoices some \$8,000. He is popular and esteemed in social as well as business circles.

Union House, D. Lane, Proprietor.—The most imposing edifice that meets the eye of the stranger as he alights from the train at Mulvane is the well known Union House, which has just been refitted and painted inside and out at a considerable cost to its enterprising proprietor. Mr. Lane is a native of Chicago, where for several years he was in the grain trade, until the big fire cleaned him out. He then for some time bought wool through this district, and in '83 settled in Mulvane at his present occupation. He is well known to the traveling and local public as a thorough hotel man and a genial and popular gentleman.

H. A. Bump, Jeweler.—This well known local watch doctor and jeweler, has been located in the city since 1889, his previous residence being in Douglass, where his father is one of the leading dry goods men. Mr. Bump makes a specialty of repair work, though he carries an excellent stock of clocks, watches, and all the latest designs in jewelry. He is a native of Pennsylvania, but has been a resident of this state since he was in his teens. He is inspector of timepieces for the Santa Fe Road.

G. M. Shanton, General Merchandise.—This well known emporium was started in 1888 by Mr. G. M. Shanton, who moved in here from Missouri where he had previously been engaged in the same business. The stock which is thoroughly assorted is valued at \$9,000. Mr. Shanton is a native of Ohio and is one of our esteemed citizens. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and is a leading member of the Methodist church.

E. J. Kuhn, Attorney at Law.—Among the names that have acquired prominence on the wings of Mulvane's prosperity is that of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Kuhn has lived in Mulvane nine years, and was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1866. He is a native of Tennessee, and practiced in Indianola, Iowa. He is a member of the Mason Fraternity, being its oldest member in the city. He took a prominent part in the late war, and served with the 10th Iowa at Chattanooga, Mount Ridge, Corinth, and Champion's Hill, at the last place he was wounded and taken prisoner, but was paroled on the field. Mr. Kuhn's forte is his common sense, and his detailed knowledge of land and commercial law. He has a large and growing clientage, and is held in much esteem.

Dr. James Mackenzie.—Dr. Mackenzie, as his name would imply is a native of "Bonnie Scotland" but obtained his naturalization papers at once and became a citizen of the United States. The Dr. located in the neighboring county of Butler, at Leon, in 1879. He graduated at the University of Edinburgh in 1872, and has been in the continuous practice of medicine since that time. Dr. Mackenzie came to the United States in 1873 and to Kansas shortly afterwards. He was also examining surgeon for pensions. He does not rely upon the knowledge alone that he gained at College, but is always studying and seeking information on the latest discoveries of his profession. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Presbyterian church.

Charles Hodgson, Santa Fe House.—Mr. Hodgson, in addition to his real estate and insurance business, has recently opened the Santa Fe Boarding House. Mr. Hodgson came to the county in '73 and was several years farming. Five years after that Mulvane opened up. Mr. H. moved in on the ground floor and for five years was in the hotel business which he gave up in '85 in order to devote his whole time to insurance and real estate. Lately, however, he re-opened the Santa Fe House and is already meeting with encouraging success. Mr. Hodgson is a native of Bradford, England and was in Illinois previous to coming here in '73. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Presbyterian church.

T. M. Trickey, Real Estate and Insurance.—Was many years in the grocery business in Wichita, and came in 1879 when the town was organized. He does the majority of the real estate and insurance business here, and is largely interested in city and farm property himself. He is one of the well known brothers of that name who have always been amongst our most public spirited and enterprising citizens.

Mulvane Record.—This neat and newsy little weekly is ably edited by M. L. Read, assisted by his daughter Emma. It was founded in 1882 by James Kelly, and passed into Mr. Read's hands two year's later. It owes allegiance to no political party and has a growing circulation of 600. Mr. Read is a terse and vigorous writer; is a staunch Presbyterian, while his daughter is a Methodist.

CALDWELL.

CALDWELL has three general merchandise and dry goods men, two hardware, two grocers and provision dealers, two banks, one shoeman, two lumber yards, two hotels, three drug stores, two newspapers, one photographer, three attorneys, five doctors.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF CALDWELL.

H. A. Ross & Co., Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies' and Children's Shoes.—H. A. Ross came to Caldwell in 1879, and since has steadily been improving and increasing his now extensive

business. In 1883, Mr. J. W. Ross, his father, came out from Ohio and entered into partnership with him. They carry a stock valued at some \$15,000, and do an annual business of about \$22,000. The building is 25x100 and is owned by the firm; the second story being rented out as offices.

C. F. Hulbert's General Hardware Store.—Has had a most gratifying record since it was started in 1879. The stock occupies two floors of a building 25x140, and is valued at \$5,000. There is a tin shop employing two competent men. Mr. Hulbert is a native of Illinois, and during his residence here has gained many friends.

J. H. Brown & Co., Shoes.—The American people may well claim to be the best shod nation when we find in a small Western community such a fine stock as is carried by J. H. Brown & Co. They also manufacture themselves fine footwear. The business is an old one, the present owners buying out the former proprietor, Coles, in 1887. Mr. Brown is a native of Illinois. He carries between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in stock and does an annual business of about double that.

John Schaeffer, Furniture, Coffins, Wall Paper, Lamps, Curtains and Picture Frames.—The representative establishment in its line in Caldwell is that of John Schaeffer. The business was established in 1885 and since its inception has been characterized by a continued and prosperous growth. Mr. Schaeffer is a native of Pennsylvania and has been a resident of Caldwell eight years, and has real estate of considerable value.

Jesse A. Burnette, Attorney at Law.—One of Caldwell's smartest lawyers, was born in Cooke County, Tenn. in 1859, and was educated at Amity College, College Springs, Iowa, to which state his parents had removed when he was eleven years of age. He read law for some time after graduating, and was admitted to the bar in 1885, in Atchison County, Mo.; from there he moved to Mobutie, Texas, and practiced law and taught school for one year, when he came to Caldwell and succeeded in a short time in establishing such a reputation, that he has three times been elected City Attorney. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the M. W.

James F. Robertson, M. D.—Is one of the best known men in the county; he is a native of Wood County, Ohio, was born and raised on a farm there, and received a good common school education. At nineteen he made up his mind to enter the ranks of the medical profession, studied under Drs. Peck and Powers at Prairiesburg, Ohio, afterwards attending three sessions of the Detroit Medical College, from which he graduated with high honors in 1877. He practiced in his native county until 1882 when he decided to try further west and located at Caldwell. He is a member of the Masonic body also of the K. of P., I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.

The Stock Exchange Bank.—This bank was established in 1881, with a capital of \$100,000, and with nearly all the men of social and financial stability in the city on its board. The officers are gentlemen of the highest standing and acknowledged ability. Mr. Jno. W. Nyce, the cashier, is mayor of the city and treasurer of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, a position requiring bonds to the amount of \$200,000. He is a native of New Jersey and was raised in Stroudsburg and Milford, Penn., where he read law under his father, and was



admitted in 1877. He practiced in Milford until 1881, serving one term as district attorney. In that year he came to Caldwell and engaged in the live stock business, and the following year entered the bank as bookkeeper and has since risen to his present position. Albert R. Quick, the assistant cashier, is a native of Milford, Pike County, Penn., and was Santa Fe agent here until 1886, when, in consideration of his known business ability, he was tendered a position in the bank. He holds considerable stock in the bank and is owner of a good deal of real estate in the neighborhood. He is a Master Mason.

The Caldwell News, R. T. Simons, Editor.—Was established March, 1887; is the Republican



organ with a circulation of between five and six hundred. The well known proprietor came west to Iowa in 1856 and lived there till he came to Kansas in 1887.

The Caldwell Journal.—Succeeded the *Post* in May, 1883; it is Democratic with a circulation of 1,100. Its enterprising owner R. B. Swarthout is a printer by trade; has been fourteen years in the business and came here from Chicago.

York-Draper Mercantile Company, Dealers in General Merchandise and Outfitting Goods, Headquarters for Cattlemen and Drovers.—Situated on the border of the great Indian country, Caldwell has been for years one of the principal outfitting points for all parties bound there, whether on pleasure bent

or business cares intent; to slaughter the wild turkey or the bear; or to ride a bronco after the gay and festive steer. Hence the reason of such establishments as that of the York-Draper Company, where the hunter, cowboy or home seeker can get his whole rig-out at once. The company has stores in Dodge City and Kiowa, Kansas, and Reno City, Oklahoma. The stock is valued at over \$15,000. They have been doing business here since 1880, and at no period have their local interests prospered more than under the present gentlemanly manager, A. Witzleben, who is esteemed for his personal attractions and business qualifications.

ARGONIA.

ARGONIA is situated in Sumner County, two miles east of the line dividing Sumner and Harper Counties, sixteen miles north of the Cherokee strip in the Indian Territory, and one and a half miles north and east of the Chikaskia river. The town was organized in 1882 and now has a population of about four hundred people. The Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe cross here and the town has considerable advantage in freight and express rates over other points.

Argonia is surrounded by as fine farming country as can be found in this section of the state. There has never been a failure of the corn crop in the Chikaskia bottoms and whole fields of wheat raised in the vicinity have averaged above forty bushels per acre, and the use of fertilizers are a thing unthought of.

Nearly every branch of business is well represented, and the business men are of the most progressive kind. Persons living at a distance from twenty-five to forty miles come to Argonia to buy their merchandise. The town has two good hotels, three restaurants, three livery stables, three blacksmith shops, two meat markets, three hardware stores, three drug stores, two very large general stores, one lumber yard, two coal yards, two millinery stores, one photograph gallery, two grocery stores, two banks, two shoe shops, one harness shop, one furniture dealer and undertaker, two newspapers and a wholesale poultry establishment that buys poultry and game from nearly all parts of the state.

The education of the children is provided for by a good public graded school of three departments. Three churches—Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist—have organization and each denomination has finished and dedicated a new church, built within the last two years. The

handsome churches are the pride of the town. The Friends, or Quakers, have a strong settlement northeast with a church building one mile from town. There is a prosperous German settlement a few miles north of town.

On account of the strong Quaker influence Argonia has always been noted as a temperance town. The prohibition law has probably been as well enforced here as any place in the State.

The Argonia Roller Mills were burned down about two years ago, and efforts are now being made to have a new one erected. No point in the State is better situated for a mill, being surrounded by a fine wheat country, and having the best of shipping facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ARGONIA.

The Argonia State Bank.—The Argonia State Bank is especially favored in its location in the midst of one of the best wheat districts of the state, in its ample capital, its careful and painstaking officials, its facilities for transacting business and in its excellent reputation for prompt, reliable, business methods. The bank has been in operation for five years. In April, 1890, a company consisting of A. Branaman and C. A. Gambrill, Wellington, and M. W. Morris, of Argonia, bought out the business and have carried it on to the satisfaction of its patrons since. Collections are promptly made, exchange is written, deposits are safely kept and a general banking business is transacted. Mr. M. W. Morris the efficient cashier is a native of Pennsylvania, was raised in Iowa, came to Kansas four years ago. He is a gentleman of much business ability, and has the confidence of the business men of the vicinity, and the public generally.

The Curtis Hardware Co., Hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Stoves, Tinware, Etc.—No house in Southern Kansas can excel the Curtis Hardware Co., of Argonia. Full and

complete lines of hardware, implements, wagons, buggies, stoves and tinware are kept. The floor space occupied is 24x140, and a ware-room 20x60. A tin shop is run in connection in charge of a competent workman, and all kinds of work in sheet metal is performed. During the busy season a large number of hands are employed to attend to the implement business. The headquarters of the company is at Wellington, and branch houses are kept at this place, Conway Springs and Belle Plaine. F. A. Ruse is secretary, treasurer, and manager at this point. He has managed the business here for seven years, is the Mayor of the city, an Odd Fellow and a Mason. He is a native of Virginia; came to Kansas in 1878, and has been in the implement business all his life.

Chas. Taylor, Furniture and Undertaking.—The furniture trade of Western Sumner County and Eastern Harper is well represented by Charles Taylor, at Argonia. Two rooms are occupied below, one 16x18, one 30x16, and the one above devoted to undertaking goods is 16x30. The store was formerly run by S. H. Hodges, and was recently purchased by the present proprietor, who was born in Indiana, came to Kansas in 1884, worked three years for an implement firm here; formerly worked for Wm. Deering & Co., of Chicago. Is a machinist by trade, an I. O. O. F., a straight forward reliable business man. Mr. Taylor is fully prepared to meet every demand made upon him in his line of business, and fill orders with care and dispatch.

L. A. Salter, Attorney at Law, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance Agent.—The legal profession is ably represented at Argonia by L. A. Salter, who conducts a general law, loan, land and insurance business, makes collections, represents non-residents, etc. Mr. Salter was born in Michigan, came to Argonia eight years since; he owns a fine farm adjoining the town; he is agent for the Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, the German American, and has a soliciting agency for the Hartford. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and an active public-spirited citizen of excellent repute; his wife was the first woman mayor of a city, in the state, or for that matter in the United States, being elected in the spring of 1887, and serving a term with much credit.

A. E. Lawrence, The Poultry, Egg, Game and Hide Dealer of Southern Kansas.—The most enterprising and wide-awake establishment of its kind in Southern Kansas is that of A. E. Lawrence, Argonia. His shipments during the season foot up large figures, and he receives consignments from all over Southern Kansas. Mr. Lawrence was born in Illinois, came to Kansas and Argonia in 1888 with no means. He has invested a capital of \$4,000 and during the height of the season employs thirty to thirty-five hands and twelve teams. His shipments are sent all over—New York, El Paso, San Francisco and the South being the leading points. In all his dealings Mr. Lawrence exercises the greatest care to give perfect satisfaction.

D. F. Janeway, M. D.—The leading physician of Argonia is Dr. D. F. Janeway, who during the five years of his residence here has won an enviable reputation. The doctor is a regular graduate, attended courses of lectures at Kansas City, and for a number of years practiced in one of the leading hospitals there. The doctor is master workman of the A. O. U. W., leading member of the I. O. O. F., a prominent Mason, and in the years 1889-90, served the people as representative of Sumner County. In all positions, official and professional, he has been alert to every interest calculated to advance the public welfare.

Badger Lumber Co., Dealers in Lumber, Coal and Lime.—A fully stocked and thoroughly well managed lumber yard is carried on at Argonia by the Badger Lumber Co., with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. This yard was established in 1886, succeeding the oldest yard in the city, which was started when the town first started. Full lines of lumber, lime and building material are carried and coal is also handled. The stock is at present entirely new and selected with the greatest care. Mr. J. E. Deatherage is the manager, taking charge in the spring of 1890. The ground occupied is 150x140. Mr. Deatherage is a careful and accurate accountant and has fully gained the confidence of the people of this vicinity.

Arlington Hotel.—The best accommodations to commercial men and the traveling public generally are to be had at the Arlington. The house is large, the rooms are comfortable, the table is provided with every luxury the market affords, and the management is in entirely capable hands. Jess. Smith is the proprietor and runs a popular livery stable in connection, also a public hall and billiard parlor. Mr. Smith is ever watchful of the comfort of his patrons and in every department of the business provides the most efficient service.

J. E. Carr, Dealer in General Merchandise and Grain.—In extent and variety of stock, beauty and convenience of arrangement, and in careful attention to details, the establishment of J. E. Carr, Argonia, is unexcelled in Southern Kansas. Two large rooms covering a floor space of 44x50 are occupied, and full lines of dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, groceries, provisions, queensware, etc., are carried and the whole is under the care of several attentive salesmen. Mr. Carr buys grain also, and during the season of 1890 shipped out some eighty carloads of wheat. He is a native of Indiana and opened up the present business in 1886. His reputation for fair dealing, good goods, and reasonable prices, has gained him a very extensive and flattering trade.

C. B. Atherton, P. M.—The present prompt, accommodating and attentive postmaster of Argonia, took charge of the office in February 1890. He is a native of Indiana, and came to Kansas in 1880 and followed farming and clerking. He is an A. O. U. W. and a man of accurate and careful methods.

Argonia Schools, W. G. McGee, Principal.—The public schools of Argonia are in a most excellent condition, under Professor W. G. McGee and two assistants. The building, which was erected in 1884, is very convenient and pleasant, the gradation of the school work is admirable, and the advancement of the pupils is very encouraging. Mr. McGee is a native of Ohio, was educated at Lebanon Normal School, has followed teaching for six years. The course of study pursued includes some of the highest branches and many of the advanced pupils of adjoining districts avail themselves of its advantages.

The Argonia Clipper, S. W. Duncan, Publisher.—No institution has added more to the success of Argonia than the *Clipper*. The paper is a 6 column folio, all home print. It is now in its eighth volume, employs two hands and is equipped for general job printing. Mr. Duncan is a native of Kentucky and came to Kansas in 1884. He was admitted to the bar in Kentucky and practiced some time at Litchfield, Ky. He is a member of the city council.

ANTHONY.

ANTHONY, the county seat of Harper County, was settled in 1878, and named after the Governor of the State then in office. It stands a few miles north of the Indian Territory, fifty-five miles southwest of Wichita, and half way between the eastern and western limits of the State of Kansas. It is situated at the junction of the Missouri Pacific and the Hutchinson & Southern and at the western termination of the 'Frisco railroad, thus securing outlets to points north, northeast, east and southeast. The Hutchinson & Southern railroad is a feeder for the Union Pacific, and its southern prospective point is Galveston, Texas. The district adjacent to the ground on which the city is built, is an open, gently undulating prairie, with a fertile soil, suitable for the cultivation of all cereals, but producing chiefly at present good crops of wheat, oats and corn. The succulent grasses, along with the plentiful supply of water, render this one of the finest cattle raising districts in the States.

The town-site, covering 320 acres, was selected in 1878, and in the same year the land was pre-empted, wells dug, and barracks erected for the expected emigrants. In 1879 the town was incorporated as a city of the third class with a bona fide population of 275, and a bank established with a capital of \$20,000. The first newspaper was published in 1878, the *Anthony Journal*, temporarily suspended, and revived in 1881. In 1879 another weekly appeared, the *Anthony Republican*. In 1881 the Globe Mills were started with steam power and a capacity of 150 barrels per day, and soon built up a good business with the neighboring towns and the Indian Territory.

Anthony has one of the best school buildings in the State, with ten teachers, while the various

Christian communities have their respective places of worship: The first of these—the Congregational—was organized in 1879, and their church built in the following year. The Methodist Episcopal body held occasional services as early as 1878, and completed their church in 1883. The Christian church was organized in 1880 and the Baptist in 1881.

Anthony is one of the best built cities of its size in the State, now ranks in the second class and has a population of 1,500. Substantial business houses and private residences are built of red sandstone from the quarries in the vicinity, shade trees line nearly all the streets, and ample drainage is secured by the gentle, natural slope of the ground on which the city stands. Amongst its natural resources the inexhaustible salt deposits form an important feature. Solid rock salt underlies the surface at a depth of 1,000 feet. Two large and well equipped salt evaporators are in operation. The Anthony Salt Works employ about sixty hands in running their two wells, which are capable of producing 1,000 barrels per day. The Globe Salt Works have also a large capacity and output, and both are provided with the latest and most improved machinery.

Anthony is a very desirable location and has everything in the way of enterprising citizens who look forward with confidence to the future of their adopted city.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ANTHONY.

Globe Salt Works.—This is a new and one of the finest salt plants in the State. The capacity is 500 barrels daily. About fifteen men are employed and the salt manufactured is of the first quality only.

Anthony Bank.—The Anthony Bank, has a capital of \$50,000, a surplus of \$5,000, and has among its officers the best men of this part of the State. The bank was incorporated in 1886, is well equipped in the way of safety-vault, time-lock safe, correspondents, etc. W. H. Hurd is president, T. B. Smith, secretary. The former is interested in the Globe Salt Works. Mr. Hurd is also agent for the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company and the Ætna of Hartford.

Harper County Abstract Company, Bonded Abstracter; Incorporated; W. R. George, Manager; Office and Vaults in Anthony Bank Building.—They have the only complete set of abstract books in the county and take pride in accuracy and neatness of work. They examine titles, pay taxes for non-residents and draw all kinds of legal papers affecting real estate.

P. N. Collier, Groceries.—The grocery and provision trade at Anthony is well represented by P. N. Collier, who carries a select stock of fresh groceries, ordered with care and judgment, and also handles queensware, woodenware, etc., giving his customers remarkably low prices for the standard brands of goods handled. The room is 25x100 feet. Two clerks are employed and a free delivery is run. Mr. Collier was born in Illinois, came to Kansas and Anthony in 1880, opening his store here in 1887. He belongs to the A. O. U. W. and is a reliable and pains-taking business man.

The Anthony Republican, By George W. Maffet.—One of the influential newspapers of Southern Kansas is the *Anthony Republican*, which was established in 1879, and has ever been at the fore front. The office is well equipped for doing first-class printing of all kinds, including legal work of all descriptions, and many handsome pamphlets bear its imprint. A first-class cylinder press and three jobbers are in constant use. The *Republican* is a six column quarto. Its advertising patronage is excellent and its circulation is large. Geo. W. Maffet, the editor, is secretary and treasurer of the Anthony Salt Works, S. A. Markwell is business manager. Five hands are employed in the office and its management is in most capable hands.

W. A. Dixon, Merchant Tailor.—One of the best known tailoring establishments of Southern Kansas is that of W. A. Dixon, Anthony, who carries a fine line of cloths, selected with care, and being a thoroughly competent workman guarantees complete satisfaction. Mr. Dixon was raised in Indiana, for a number of years carried on his trade at Kansas City, Mo. In 1890 he came to Anthony. He employs four hands and every article of his manufacture is a model of good taste and durability.

Anthony Department Store, J. C. Ruth, Prop., Bargains in New and Second Hand Goods.—J. C. Ruth, since opening up in the fall of 1890, has secured a widely extended trade. He was born in Illinois, came to Kansas in 1870, was engaged in business in Anderson County for some time and purchased the stock

of R. B. Johnston at this place in the latter part of 1890. Stoves, furniture, sewing machines, crockery, mirrors, clocks, spring-beds, and in fact, nearly every article of household use is kept. The room occupied is 25x100 feet. Mr. Ruth keeps one hand to assist him and enjoys a large and growing patronage.

Bennett House, George W. Bennett, Proprietor.—The well known Bennett House is one of the most admirably equipped hotels in the State. The building is of stone, three stories, in size 50x120 feet and contains convenient sample rooms, well ventilated bedrooms and comfortable appointments in every respect. The table and service is especially good. Mr. Geo. W. Bennett, the proprietor, is a native of Michigan, served three years in the 3d Michigan Infantry, came to Kansas thirteen years ago and has ever since been engaged in his present business. He is a G. A. R. man, a K. of P., A. O. U. W. and member of the National Union Societies. Two sons of the proprietor are efficient assistants and seven hands are employed beside.

The Anthony Salt Company, Incorporated.—This company was organized in 1889, erected a large plant, fitted with the most approved machinery, and has been in successful operation since. Four pans are in use, the capacity being 1,000 barrels per day, and a new hole just put down will largely increase this amount. The two wells are respectively 965 and 940 feet deep, and have a great advantage over the wells in other parts of the State, in that the brine is pumped directly from them without the necessity of first forcing down the water. Two grades of salt are now produced, the common barrel salt of commerce, and stock salt Nos 1 and 2. The plant has a track leading directly to its door, has cooper shop, blacksmith shop, etc. The capital stock is \$50,000; \$47,000 issued; 90 per cent. paid. The officers are: T. B. Smith, president; a capitalist of the vicinity; Lou Sargent, vice-president and manager, recently one of the leading real estate men of the city; Geo. W. Maffet, secretary and treasurer, editor of the *Anthony Republican*. The works give employment to about sixty persons.

L. D. Brand, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes.—The largest stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps and furnishing goods in the city is carried by L. D. Brand. The store is 25x100 and the stock is most admirably arranged to secure display and convenience. Mr. Brand was born at Silver Creek, N. Y., moved to La Porte, Ind. and lived there many years, coming to Anthony in 1886. He is a Mason, a prompt, careful business man, of fine presence. He employs three hands, and in every way conducts an establishment creditable alike to the city and himself.

N. Clawson, County Treasurer.—Was born in Pennsylvania, lived in Illinois and came to Kansas in 1885. He received a superior education at Carmichael Academy and the Holbrook Normal School, of Lebanon, Ohio; also

at the Pennsylvania State Normal at Indiana, Penn., one of the oldest normals in that State. He taught school for a number of years, but on account of failing health came West. He became deputy county clerk of Harper, then for two years was deputy county treasurer, and at the election of 1889 was promoted by the votes of the people to the treasurer'ship. He is a careful bookkeeper, accurate and prompt. He is a member of the K. P., and is a popular and influential citizen.

Anthony Journal, S. C. Hammond, Publisher; J. R. Hammond, Editor.—One of the most reputable newspapers in the State is the *Anthony Journal*, edited by J. R. Hammond and published by S. C. Hammond, two brothers. The paper is an eight column folio, all home print, devoted to live advertising, live editorials and live local items. In its mechanical make up it is a model of neat printing, and in its editorial department it is vigorously Republican. The office is equipped for job printing and takes much pride in its tasty work. S. C. Hammond is a printer of experience and artistic ability, is a native of Pennsylvania, came to Kansas in 1876. J. R. Hammond is a leading member of the Harper County bar, local attorney for numerous mortgage companies, abstractor, real estate agent. He is a Knight Templar Mason, I. O. O. F., member of the city council. The *Journal* is now in its fifth volume and has a large and growing circulation.

Allen Bros., Domestic and Foreign Fruits, Etc.—A neat establishment is kept by Allen Bros., who deal in fruits, confectionery, nuts, tobacco, cigars, etc., and during the season appropriate to them, provide ice cream or oysters; in fact run a "short order house"—a skilled cook being employed and orders filled with dispatch and care. The stock carried is very select and kept with scrupulous care and neatness, and the place has become a most popular resort. The firm consists of J. M. and J. W. Allen, natives of Indiana. The former was four years employed by the Chicago Lumber Co., at this place; the latter is an old rail-roader. The business has been in successful operation for two years.

United States and Pacific Express Companies.—Are efficiently represented at Anthony by H. Connelly. Mr. Connelly was

born in Indiana, went to Iowa in 1878; came to Kansas in 1880; was one of the company that put up the Anthony Roller Mill; carried on the milling business five years, and then sold out. Five years ago was chosen to his present position. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

A. Martin, Books, Stationery and Wall Paper.—A handsomely displayed and well-selected stock of books, stationery, toys, plush goods, etc., is kept by A. Martin, Anthony. He is proprietor of the "Anthony Clubbing Agency," which supplies subscribers with magazines and periodicals at very low rates. Mr. Martin was born in the Buckeye State, and came to Kansas and Anthony in 1885, since which he has conducted his present business. His store is 25x100 feet in size. Mr. Martin belongs to the A. O. U. W. and the Royal Arcanum.

Geo. W. Schutz, Organs, Pianos and Sewing Machines.—One of the most stirring men of the City of Anthony is Geo. W. Schutz. The old, reliable Estey organ is handled; the sewing machines include the White, Domestic and the Household. Mr. Schutz is a native of Maryland, lived a number of years in Iowa, came to Kansas and Anthony five years ago. Careful attention is given to sewing machine repairing and all lines of his business.

C. S. Poole, Watchmaker, Jeweler and Optician.—An elegant display of jewelry, watches, optical goods, etc., in Southern Kansas, is seen at C. S. Poole's, Anthony. Mr. Poole is a practical watchmaker of long experience, and makes a specialty of fine repairing. His reputation for fair dealing has extended over a large scope of territory. Mr. Poole was born in Indiana, came to Kansas and Anthony in 1885. He is Master of the local Masonic lodge and a member of the city council.

Dr. J. H. Callender, Dentist; Office over Marsh Hardware Co.'s store.—Dr. J. H. Callender has had an active professional experience of thirty years. All his operations are guaranteed to be first-class. The doctor is a native of New York, came to Kansas twelve years ago, lived at Wellington three years, and for nine years has been located at Anthony. He is a Mason, an intelligent, enterprising gentleman and an accomplished professional man.

HARPER.

HARPER is the oldest city in the county of the same name, which lies adjoining the Indian Territory, and midway between the eastern and western boundary of the State of Kansas. It is situated at the crossing of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Hutchinson and Southern Railroad, nine miles north of Anthony, the county seat, and by means of

these, communication is obtained with all points north, south, east and west. It is surrounded by an agricultural country consisting chiefly of rolling prairie, sloping toward east and south, with a soil of dark, sandy loam capable of producing good crops of wheat, oats and corn. Hogs, cattle and horses are also raised, feeding upon the buffalo and blue-

stemed grasses of the district. Deposits of rock salt at a depth of a thousand feet and beds of red sandstone suitable for building purposes are to be found all around.

The town was located on April 15, 1877, and two days afterwards the first building was commenced, and during the same year a grocer, a blacksmith, a lawyer and a physician put in an appearance. The following year saw a great many additional settlers, and the first school, a subscription one, was opened in a room above a store.

Harper was organized as a city of the third class September 7, 1880, and during this year the first bank was established. The population which was then about 700 has more than doubled, and the city now ranks as second class, the only other one of the same grade in the county being Anthony, the county seat.

The first newspaper appeared in 1878, a folio weekly, Republican in politics, under the title of the *Harper County Times*, and this was followed four years later by the *Harper Sentinel*, also a Republican weekly.

The various Christian denominations have now their several places of worship. The first organization was effected in 1877 by the Presbyterians, who erected a church in 1882. The Methodists followed, organizing in 1878, and building a church in 1882. In 1881 the Baptists formed a religious community, having occasional but no regular services.

The educational requirements of the city now necessitate the employment of ten teachers in the public schools, and a higher grade of education can be obtained at the Harper Normal and Business College, established in 1886.

Secret and benevolent societies are well represented in the city, the three oldest being all organized in 1881, the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The general business of a good country town is successfully prosecuted here; the society is good, and an open hand is extended to all intending to become citizens or settlers in the neighborhood of Harper.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HARPER.

Harper State Bank, succeeded the First National Bank May 1, 1890, and has ample capital, efficient managers, and is equipped with fine offices, burglar-proof safes, fire-proof vault, etc. The bank draws its own exchange on London, Paris, Berlin, and all the principal

cities of the world. The officers of the bank are: Louis Walton, president; L. C. Senseman, vice president; and F. R. Zacharias, cashier. Mr. Walton is from New York State; Mr. Senseman and Mr. Zacharias are both from Pennsylvania. The bank enjoys a large line of deposits, and offers especially good accommodations to its patrons.

Patterson House.—The only first-class hotel in Harper is the "Patterson House." The building is 50x150, two stories of red sand stone with trimmings, and front—of white stone. The thirty-five bed rooms are pleasant, and the parlor, waiting room and dining room are large. The proprietor and manager, Mr. J. E. Casebeer, is an old hotel man, having carried on the business many years in his native State, Ohio. Mr. Casebeer served in the 44th Indiana Troops in some of the hardest fought battles of the war, enlisting as private and rose to be captain of his company. He is a member of the G. A. R. and K. P. organizations.

Rogers & Son, Dealers in Agricultural Implements.—This firm carries full lines of plows, cultivators, drills, wagons, carriages, etc., and are agents for the standard manufacturers of reapers and threshers. During the season of 1890 they sold more threshing machines than the other firms of the county together. In the six years since its establishment, the house has ever been at the front. The building occupied is 50x100 feet, two stories. W. E. Rogers is a native of Pennsylvania; moved to Illinois and then Missouri; served in the Missouri State Militia in the fore part of the war, and afterwards in the 6th Missouri Infantry. C. Rogers is a native of Illinois, and conducts the affairs of the firm with much ability. They have branch houses at Attica, Kiowa, Anthony, Medicine Lodge and Hazelton.

City Drug Store, Glenn Drug Company Proprietor.—No drug store in Southern Kansas presents a more pleasant appearance than the City Drug Store of the Glenn Drug Company, Harper. The lines carried consist of drugs, medicines, chemicals, books, stationery, druggists' sundries, paints, oils, spectacles, notions, etc. The brothers Glenn, M. H. and S. H., are both practical druggists, who have been in the business all their lives. The room is 25x120 feet. The Glenn brothers are natives of Ohio, lived in Iowa for a number of years and came to Harper in 1877. M. H. Glenn is a member of the Odd Fellows, K. of P. and Fraternal Circle. S. H. was a soldier, serving in the 3d Iowa Cavalry, and the 45th Iowa Infantry. He belongs to the G. A. R., I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W. and Masonic lodges, holding office in several of them; being Grand Junior Warden of the State Encampment, of Odd Fellows, Captain of the Patriarchs Militant, and Secretary of the Masonic, A. O. U. W. and Eastern Star Orders.

L. L. Galloway, Agricultural Implements.—The implement trade is well represented at Harper by L. L. Galloway, who during the

season carries wagons, farm machinery, carriages, etc. Mr. Galloway occupies two rooms, each 25x90 feet; is agent for some of the best factories, including the Moline Plow Co., Oliver Chilled Plow Co., McCormick Reaper Co., Mitchell Wagon Works, etc. Mr. Galloway is a native of New Jersey, came to Kansas twelve years since, and for four years has carried on his present business. During the busy season he hires three or four assistants. He has been deputy sheriff of Harper County; is a K. P. and a responsible, active business man.

Oliver Bros., Lumber Dealers.—The oldest lumber firm in Harper County is Oliver Bros., of Harper. The headquarters of the house is at Wichita, and branches are maintained at this place, Winfield, Arkansas City and Andale. A full line of building material is handled, including lumber of all kinds, brick, lime, plaster Paris, etc., and bills for all kinds of structures are figured on and estimates furnished. This firm has been established seven years. The manager is H. W. McMunn, a native of Ohio, who received his business education at Nelson Business College, Springfield, Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1884. He is city clerk of Harper, an I. O. O. F. He carries a stock of \$8,000 and two hands are employed.

G. C. Pelzel, Manufacturer of Fine Cigars.—One of the most enterprising men of Harper is G. C. Pelzel, manufacturer of cigars and dealer in tobacco, pipes and smokers' supplies. Mr. Pelzel is a native of Austria, came to this country in 1868, to Kansas in 1885. For twenty-two years he has followed the business. He employs two hands, and turns out a large amount of goods which meet with ready sale at the towns of the vicinity. He manufactures six different brands of cigars. Mr. Pelzel is chief of the fire department, member of the board of education and a K. of P.

E. J. Fisher, Attorney at Law.—E. J. Fisher carries on a general legal business at Harper, makes collections promptly, and represents non-residents in all lines. He is a Justice of the Peace and has a large law library. He was born in Illinois, educated at the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and the Episcopal Methodist College at Lewiston; was admitted to the bar in 1881, came to Kansas in 1884, and has been in the active and successful practice of his profession since.

Strohm & Orr, Dealers in Hardware, Stoves Tinware.—The firm of Strohm & Orr operates one of the most extensive houses of its kind in Southern Kansas, dealing in hardware, stoves, tinware, buggies, windmills, threshing-machines, barbed wire, etc. The tinware department is in charge of Mr. Orr, a thoroughly qualified workman. The salesroom is 24x140, a wareroom 24x60 contains the buggies, etc., and the second floor, of equal size, is used for the tin shop and storage. J. A. Strohm was born in Pennsylvania, lived several years in Iowa, and came to Kansas in 1885. Mr. F. B. Orr is a native of New York, and came to Kansas five years since. The firm has been doing business since 1886 and has secured a reputation second to none. Both members of the firm are Knight Templars, and careful, accurate business men.

"The Racket."—W. R. White manages a general variety store at Harper, popularly known as the "White Racket," and keeps nearly everything of household use except groceries. Full lines of dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, caps, clothing, etc., are carried. Mr. White is a native of Tennessee, came to Kansas seventeen years ago and opened up his store here in March, 1890. He employs one regular hand, on Saturdays one, two or three more, as occasion requires. He is a stirring man, and runs a store that is a credit to the city.

Southwick Bros., Main Street Meat Market.—Since October 6, 1889, Southwick Bros. have carried on an excellent meat market at Harper, keeping the choicest cuts of all kinds of meats, as well as poultry, game and oysters in the season. The rooms occupied are pleasant; the salesroom is 25x30 feet, a store-room back of this being 14x60, and another room still further back. The Southwick Bros. are natives of Ohio, came to Kansas in '80, and to Harper in '85.

Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Co.—The Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing Co., of Wichita, has a large and well selected stock of lumber, building material, coal at Harper. For the past year the yard has been managed by C. F. Stewart, a gentleman of much ability, a native of Maine, who came to Kansas nine years since. Mr. Stewart is an accurate accountant and manages the affairs of the company in a most efficient manner. The company also operates a factory at Wichita.

The Harper Mercantile Co., Staple and Fancy Groceries.—The Harper Mercantile Co., L. G. Lebrecht, manager, carries a complete stock of groceries, provisions, glassware, queensware, etc., and during the two years since it opened has gained a widely extended patronage. The store is situated on the most prominent corner in the city. Mr. Lebrecht was born in Illinois; is an I. O. O. F., K. of P. and a member of the Fraternal Mystic Circle. Assisting him is Frank H. Wright, a native of Kentucky, K. of P. and Fraternal Mystic Circle. The firm deals only in straight, reliable goods and is not surpassed by any of its competitors.

Harper Normal School and Business College.—The Harper Normal and Business College is one of the successful institutions of learning in the State; having a finely constructed building, a corps of skilled teachers, excellent library, etc. The course of study embraces the following: Preparatory, Teachers', Scientific, Classic, Elocution, Commercial, Engineering, Shorthand, Penmanship and Music. President R. W. Ball and six other teachers, all of whom are specially qualified to fill the different positions. Mr. Ball is a native of Canada, but was raised in Michigan, graduated at the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute at Valparaiso, Indiana, taught for many years in normal schools, came to Kansas and Harper in 1886 and organized the present school which he has since conducted. Mr. Ball is a most thorough teacher, industrious, ambitious and conscientious.

MEDICINE LODGE

MEDICINE LODGE is situated about twenty miles north of the Indian Territory, and midway between the East and West boundaries of the State, and is a judicial seat of Barber County. It stands on a rising ground between, and at the junction of the Medicine Lodge river—which furnishes a splendid water power—and Elm Creek, and is a station on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. The knoll on which it stands has a commanding view of a great extent of country, admirably adapted for general farming purposes and the raising of cattle, and specially suited for the production of sugar-cane and beets, to which during the past few years, great attention has been directed, and a large area devoted with the most satisfactory results, surpassing the most sanguine expectations.

In 1873 the site was selected, and four-hundred acres laid out for the town. Several general stores, a drug store and a blacksmith shop were built, and two lawyers and a physician located in the embryo city. The next year some trouble with the Indians checked the emigration and scared away a few of the settlers; but in a short time, matters were arranged, and a steady growth in business and population was the result. In 1879 the town was incorporated as a City of the third class, and the first mayor and council were elected.

The first regular church organization was effected in 1878 by the Methodists, who built a church in the following year. The Christian Church was organized in 1878, and their place of worship completed in 1880. The Presbyterians held religious services as early as 1879, but had no Church building of their own till 1883.

The first school house was built in 1873, at a cost of \$400, and lasted nine years, when it was found to be inadequate to the wants of the largely increased number of pupils, and a handsome school building was erected.

The newspapers that have been published here are the Barber County Mail, a weekly folio, succeeded by the Cresset in 1879, and the Barber County Index, a Democratic weekly published in 1880.

Medicine Lodge now, with a population of 2,000, carries on an extensive trade; has solid banks; secret and benevolent societies; lucrative industries in its plaster works; grist mill and large sugar works, and also a high class of public spirited citizens.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MEDICINE LODGE.

Medicine Lodge Roller Mill, N. Weber, Proprietor.—The Medicine Lodge Roller Mills, erected in 1890, have fully demonstrated their utility in a land heretofore barren of institutions of this character. The mills are one mile north of the city on a water power, having a head of 125 horse and capable of being extended to any capacity. The machinery is of the celebrated Case Manufacturing Company pattern, has six sets of double rollers, and has a daily capacity of 75 barrels. The building is 64x40 on the foundation, three stories and basement. The flour turned out is of four grades: Weber's Best, Crystal, Kansas Pioneer, and Clipper. The main portion of the product finds sale at Medicine Lodge and neighboring cities, but some is shipped to Oklahoma and to Texas. Mr. Weber has been a practical miller thirty years, born in Illinois, came to Kansas in 1890 and erected this popular establishment. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow.

First National Bank.—Among the first establishments of the State is the First National Bank of Medicine Lodge, established in 1884, being the first bank in the city. The president is Mr. J. P. Hall, born in Missouri; lived in Kansas eleven years; one of the famous pony express riders between Kansas City and the Rocky Mountains. He crossed the plains fourteen times, driving stage for the Overland Mail. He is an I. O. O. F. Mr. W. T. Rouse, is the efficient cashier, and is also county clerk. T. L. Lindley is vice-president, and also conducts a real estate and abstract office. This bank suffered from an attack by robbers on April 30, 1884; four desperadoes entering the office in broad daylight, and leveling Winchester at the cashier and president, demanded that they throw up their hands. The president reached for a revolver and the outlaws fired, killing both the president, E. W. Payne, and the cashier, George Geppert. The assassins then fled without securing a dollar. They were pursued and captured six miles from the city and lodged in the calaboose. That night they were taken out, one of them had a revolver that had escaped the search, and he attempted to escape by firing it into the crowd, but was riddled with bullets. The other three were promptly hung.

Citizens National Bank.—No Financial institution in Southern Kansas sustains a more favorable reputation than the Citizens National Bank. Mr. H. C. Thomson, a well known stock raiser, is the vice-president and F. B. Chapin, cashier. The latter is township clerk, a K. of P. and owner of large farming interests. The bank was organized December 13, 1886, with a capital of \$50,000 and its last statement of condition shows it to be in a most flattering state, its surplus and individual profit being large and its line of deposits most gratifying.

W. C. Sellers, Watchmaker and Jeweler. An attractive stock is carried by W. C. Sellers. He deals in Elgin, Rockford, Waltham and all standard watches. He is official watch inspector for the A., T. & S. F. Ry., and makes a specialty of fine watch repairing. He was born in Pennsylvania; came to Kansas in 1885 and opened up in Medicine Lodge in July, 1890. He is a K. of P., and a thoroughly competent workman.

Davis & Davis, General Merchandise.—One of the most enterprising houses in Barber County is Davis & Davis. They occupy a favorable location and the store is always thronged with customers. Full lines of dry goods, boots, shoes, groceries, etc., are carried in large stock. J. W. Davis is manager of this big establishment; a native Kentuckian, in Kansas nine years, first engaged in the cattle business, in which he is still largely interested, and in October, 1887 opening at the present store. Mr. Davis is an Odd Fellow. The salesroom is 25x110 feet, and a wareroom and cellar also afford storage room. Four hands are regularly employed. In the selection, display and handling of the different lines of goods admirable judgment and taste are exhibited.

S. E. Woodward, Harness.—Mr. Woodward conducts a first-class harness shop, keeping a full line of harness supplies, and has acquired a good trade by fair and honest work; he employs two assistants. Mr. Woodward is a native of West Virginia; served in the war in the 2nd West Virginia Volunteer Infantry; was wounded in the left foot at the battle of Cedar Mountain; came to Kansas in 1865. He is Justice of the Peace, also a member of the G. A. R. and Masonic fraternities.

W. S. Finney, Harness.—At this well known store is to be found a stock of saddles, blankets, robes, whips and all kinds of horse goods. Three men besides Mr. Finney are always working at the bench. Mr. F. is a native of Ohio, was reared in Illinois came to Kansas and Medicine Lodge in 1884. He is an M. W. of A., A. O. U. W., K. of P. and a competent and reliable knacker.

E. R. Hubbard, Diamonds, Jewelry and Silverware.—A most elegant display of diamonds, jewelry, watches, silverware, optical goods and musical instruments is seen at the establishment of E. R. Hubbard, occupying one side of the P. O. room. Mr. Hubbard is a practical watchmaker, and makes a specialty of fine repairing. He was born in Wisconsin, came to Kansas in 1871. He lived at Medicine Lodge two years since; went away; then returned again in June 1890, fully decided to stay. Mr. Hubbard is an excellent judge of jewelry, and also deals in sewing machine needles, repairs, etc.

J. R. Young & Co., City Drug Store.—One of the most elegant stocks of drugs, chemicals, medicines, fancy and toilet articles, and druggists' sundries in Southern Kansas is kept at the City Drug Store. The salesroom is 25x80 feet in size, and in the rear is a storage room

25x40 feet. The stock is worth \$5,000. Mr. Young is a native of Virginia, lived in Iowa and came to Kansas and Medicine Lodge three years ago. He has a large and growing circle of friends and patrons and is a reliable, able business man.

Medicine Lodge Sugar Works.—No establishment in the state of Kansas has involved in its successful operation more prosperity of the whole people than the Medicine Lodge Sugar Works, and no institution promises a brighter future. These works have been in operation for two seasons and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the farmers, that the raising of cane is much surer, and three times more profitable than corn. The plant was erected by home men, with home capital, and is a home enterprise from the foundation up. During the season of active operations it runs night and day, furnishing employment to seventy men and using 200 tons of cane per day. The main building is 50x160, two story, complete, and five stories in the center, where the huge water tank is located, eighty feet above ground; twelve cells are in operation worked by hydraulic power; three engines furnish the motive power, having a combined capacity of 200 horse power; the boiler and pump room is 50x90, two stories; six boilers, each 125 horse power, three in a nest, are used, having a power of 600 horse power. The plant uses from 700,000 to 1,000,000 gallons of water daily, and its capacity for furnishing it is unlimited as it owns and operates the finest water privilege in the state; it also operates the city water works. The buildings are all iron clad; a cooper shop, a coal house and an office building are in the group, and located conveniently for transacting business. The plant cost \$120,000 and is without a peer. The officers of the works are as follows: C. H. Eldred, president and treasurer, G. W. Walters, vice-president, and C. J. Hinman, secretary and manager. The works were erected in 1889 in time to be tested on the cane crop of that year. The following season the output amounted to 600,000 pounds. The sugar beet industry received its first impetus, from the successful experiments conducted by this institution, which disproved the theories of the agricultural bureau, that Kansas was too far south to grow sugar beets. From seed imported from Germany was grown in 1890, beets that made the remarkable product of 100 pounds sugar per ton, as proven by actual test on the scales. This seed came so late in the season that it was sown six weeks later than it should have been put in; it also suffered sixty-five days of intense hot weather, and the ravages of the web worm, yet analyzed an average of fifteen per cent. sucrose, the richest ever known in the world, some specimens went as high as 21.88 per cent. The works are in the hands of enthusiasts upon the subject of sugar beet culture, and the results of its work proves the solid foundation of their theories.

Martin & McNeal, Attorneys at Law.—The leading legal firm of Barber County is Martin & McNeal, Medicine Lodge. Mr. G. M.

Martin was born in Sangamon County, Ill., came to Kansas in 1874, was admitted to the bar in Neosho County, and has practiced law successfully for many years, the last seven of which have been here. Mr. T. A. McNeal is a native of Ohio, came to Kansas and Medicine Lodge in 1880; engaged for seven years in the newspaper work, taking a prominent place in the politics of Southern Kansas. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar. He has served the County two terms as Representative; is trustee of the State Reformatory. Both the gentlemen are well-read attorneys and able counselors.

T. L. Lindley, Abstracts, Real Estate and Farm Loans.—The most complete set of abstract books in Barber County is owned and managed by T. L. Lindley of Medicine Lodge. He was born in Pennsylvania, was educated at Waynesburgh, Pennsylvania, and at Pittsburgh Commercial College, came to Kansas in 1876, engaged in the stock business, came to Medicine Lodge in 1885, served two years as county superintendent, acted as assistant cashier in the Citizens National Bank, conducted the large loan business of the bank for two years, and is now vice-president of the First National Bank. He is an Odd Fellow and an A. O. U. W., trustworthy, careful and prompt.

E. H. Nixon, Register of Deeds, Barber County.—Is a native of Iowa, and was educated at the State Normal, Cedar Falls, Iowa. He came to Kansas August 10, 1869, returning to his native State, and

came here again in 1879; came to Medicine Lodge in 1884. He was engaged in the hardware business till elected to his present position in the Fall of 1889. He is a Mason, being a member of the Chapter and Commandery. He is a fine penman, accurate accountant, and a thoroughly, well qualified official.

Dr. J. D. Karr, Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals.—One of the best and most favorably known of the professional and business men of Medicine Lodge is Dr. J. D. Karr, a practicing physician and conductor of one of the most complete and carefully managed drug houses in the county. The Doctor was born in Illinois, was educated at the Keokuk Medical College, came to Kansas in 1877, to Medicine Lodge in 1885. He is an Odd Fellow, a skilled physician, an experienced chemist and a reliable, fair dealing business man.

Jacob Knirr, Merchant Tailor, has been in this business all his life. He was born in Germany, came to the United States in 1881, to Medicine Lodge in 1886, and has won an enviable reputation as a reliable workman, and for making suits in the latest styles. He is a K. P., and is popularly known as "Jake the Tailor."

The Grand Hotel has recently been furnished under new management and promises splendid success. The building is a three-story stone, 50x100 feet, with every convenience for the traveling public; nice bed-rooms, billiard-room, baths, barber shop, sample-rooms. The meals are splendidly prepared and capably served, and W. G. Briston, the proprietor, looks after his guests' comfort in every particular.

KINGMAN.

KINGMAN is the county seat of Kingman County, about midway between the Eastern and Western boundaries of the State. It is situated on the Ninnescah river, a tributary of the Arkansas, and also at the crossing of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific, and the Hutchison and Southern Railroads, the last mentioned being a feeder of the Union Pacific. These afford facilities for the extension of trade, traffic and communication in all directions, north, south, east and west. In 1872 a town company was organized, and a town located at this point under the name of Sherman; but a difficulty in securing a deed to the land, led to the abandonment of the same. In 1873 the land was pre-empted, and in 1874 it was surveyed and platted, and a small store, a small frame school house and a hotel were erected. Little progress could be marked until 1878, when a considerable influx of settlers took place, necessitating the building of a good many residences, and giving an impetus to the

increase of business. In 1881 a bank was established; in 1882 the Laclede House was enlarged and rebuilt on a different site; and in 1883 there was added to the original frame building, a school house built of stone, containing two large rooms, and thus securing ample accommodation for the pupils then in attendance.

The population of the town then barely reached 400, and the business interests were represented by four general merchants, one jeweler, two grocers, two druggists, one harness-maker, two hardware stores, two millinery establishments, one furniture dealer, two blacksmith shops, one lumber yard, two hotels and a restaurant, two weekly newspapers and two or three livery stables. Since that time, building, business and population have steadily increased, and in a manner surpassing all expectation: the inhabitants at the present time numbering ten times as many as could be claimed in 1883, and the business now transacted is ten times that of the same year.

The country surrounding the city consists of undulating prairie lands, which, along with the bottom lands of the Ninnescah Valley are surfaced with a productive soil, bearing good crops of wheat, corn and oats. The abundance of excellent water, the large reaches of buffalo grass, and the winter hay from the meadows, render this one of the finest districts for stock-raising purposes. The river water, by the way, affords an excellent water power which can be readily utilized, and which has the advantage of being almost uniform in its flow, always furnishing a supply and rarely overflowing in the wettest season.

Rock salt forms an important item in the industries of Kingman. There are two shafts in operation, and there are several evaporators of vast capacity, the salt obtained from which is shipped to points less favored in this respect.

The city, which is now an extensive trade center, is provided with some excellent streets, flanked by several handsome building blocks containing stores which, in point of accommodation and appointments, will compare very favorably with those in many cities of much greater pretention. The residence portion of the city contains many cosy, comfortable and beautiful homes. Material for building purposes lies quite at hand in the red sandstone deposits of the adjacent river valley.

The citizens at all times can depend upon a supply of clear and pure water; the city is lighted by electricity, and both water and light are furnished at very reasonable rates.

Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and United Brethren have their respective churches and Sabbath schools, all of which are regularly attended, while the education of the children is carefully superintended during the week.

Freemasons, Oddfellows, United Workmen, knights of various orders and others of the mystic brotherhood have their various lodges with a good array of working members. Altogether the city is in a very satisfactory state and there is no reason why Kingman in the next ten years should not equal, if not surpass, the rapid advancement of her past decade.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF KINGMAN.

Citizens Bank of Kingman under able management has become generally recognized since its establishment in 1888 as one of the best in the West. Domestic and foreign exchange is written, collections promptly made

and patrons will at all times find liberal and careful dealing. Mr. R. W. Hodgson, president, was born in England, came to the United States in 1870, to Kansas in 1878, to Kingman in 1886. He first started the First National Bank, but sold out and started this in 1888. E. S. Hodgson, his wife, is cashier, and A. H. Hodgson, a daughter, is vice-president. The individual responsibility of the stockholders is large and the institution enjoys the confidence of the public.

J. D. Humphreys & Co., Commission Brokers.—The firm of J. D. Humphreys & Co. has taken a leading part in the development of the County of Kingman. They buy and sell real estate and merchandise, draw and acknowledge legal papers, collect rents and accounts, and write insurance in the Queen, Royal, Springfield, Niagara, Home, Aetna and London. All the various details of the business of the office are looked after with judgment and accuracy. Mr. Humphreys was born in Missouri and has been located here seven years. He has had a long experience at his line of work and is amply qualified in every particular.

Montezuma Hotel, F. M. Baird, Proprietor.—One of the most conveniently located, neatly managed, and commodious hotels in Southern Kansas, is the "Montezuma" of Kingman. The building is located close to two depots, the Santa Fe, and the Hutchinson and Southern. Is a substantially built, three-story brick structure, and contains a large number of high and well ventilated rooms. The house has been recently refitted and put under new management. Commercial men will find the Montezuma to be a most pleasant place to stop while making the City of Kingman.

J. W. Davison, Confections, California and Tropical Fruits.—The neat oyster and ice-cream parlor of J. W. Davison, is one of the popular institutions in the City of Kingman. Oysters are served in every style at short notice. The freshest of fruits are kept on hand, and confections of the choicest makes. The floor occupied is 25x100 feet in size, conveniently divided into salesroom, dining parlor and kitchen, and everything is kept in the most inviting condition. Mr. Davison was born in Indiana, served in the war first with the 11th Indiana Zouaves, then in the 9th Michigan Cavalry. Came to Kansas in 1878, and followed his business as carpenter and builder for a number of years; in 1888 opening up his present store, in carrying on which he has the able assistance of his wife.

Kingman Marble Co., Hance White, Manager.—No other establishment of the kind in Southern Kansas is more fully equipped for first-class work than the Kingman Marble Co., Hance White, Manager. Monuments and grave stones, mantles, grates, tiling, table and stand tops are dealt in, and also iron crestings, fences and railings. Mr. White has been twenty years in the business. He is a native of Ohio, came to Kingman four years ago. He is an A. O. U. W. and K. of P.

U. S. Postoffice, Peter A. Becker, P. M.—Mr. Becker has been post master at Kingman for one year and his conduct of the office has been of the most careful, accurate and popular character. He employs two assistants and gives his personal attention to the management of the office. Mr. Becker was born in New York, served for three years of the war in the 14th New York Volunteer Infantry, came to Kansas in 1865 and to Kingman in 1885. For five years he was manager of the Badger Lumber Yard at this place. He is a member of the G. A. R., K. of P. and Masonic lodges.

A. B. Fell, Practical Machinist and Engineer.—One of the busiest establishments in the City of Kingman is the machine shops of A. B. Fell. Mr. Fell is a practical machinist of long experience, does repairing of machinery of every description; engines, threshers, sewing machines, etc. His shop is supplied with steam engine, lathes and all machinery and tools. Mr. Fell was born in Philadelphia, ran away at an early age and joined the army, served to the close of the war with the 197th Pennsylvania Volunteers, came to Kansas in 1878. He is a member of the G. A. R.

The Leader-Courier.—No newspaper in Kansas can surpass the *Leader-Courier* of Kingman in devotion to the interests of its home city. Few can equal it in extent of circulation and influence, or in editorial ability or artistic mechanical make-up. The *Leader Courier* is a consolidation of many and various publications, the last consolidation taking place in 1889, when the two offices under the head of the *Leader* and the *Courier* combined. Six hands are employed and a large amount of work is turned out, all characterized by neatness of design and execution. Mr. Morton Albaugh, the editor and proprietor, is a native of Indiana; was educated at the Southern Indiana Normal College, Mitchell, Indiana; came to Kansas in 1882, followed school teaching for a number of years, and in May 1887 embarked in his present vocation, for which he is amply equipped. He is a K. P., a Mason, both Chapter and K. T., a bold and fearless writer and gifted with rare command of language.

H. W. Leininger, Kingman Cigar Factory.—One of the most creditable industries in the City of Kingman is the popular cigar factory of H. W. Leininger, who employs two hands and manufactures eight different brands of goods which find a ready market in Kingman and the towns of the vicinity. Mr. Leininger is a native of Pennsylvania, lived in Ohio, came to Kansas four years ago. He is a thoroughly skilled workman, having been engaged for thirteen years at the business.

Tom M. Hutto, Pawnbroker and Jeweler.—No business establishment in Kingman could be more illy spared than that of Tom M. Hutto, jeweler, watchmaker, optician and pawnbroker. Mr. Hutto keeps a very fine line of jewelry, watches, etc., is a practical watchmaker, has a fine line of tools and machinery

for repairing. Mr. Hutto was born in Indiana, opened his business here in 1886, and enjoys a widely extended patronage. He is an Odd Fellow, Woodman and K. of L., belongs to the Rebeccah Order, is president of the school board.

Harry Gillen, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—The finest rigs, the liveliest horses and the most prompt attention to orders, and reasonable charges are in vogue at this establishment. The barn has been running six years, employs two hands, is 100x100 feet in size, and is provided with every convenience. Mr. Gillen buys, sells and ships horses and mules, and his stable gives a ready market for the best of the animals raised in the county. He is a native of Illinois, a K. P. and Odd Fellow.

Ninnescah Roller Mills, C. P. Rodman, Proprietor.—No flouring mill in Southern Kansas enjoys a better reputation than the Ninnescah Roller Mills of Kingman. The mill is run by water power, has four double sets of rollers, also two run of stone, employs five hands, has an actual capacity of 100 barrels per day, although still rated as a 75 barrel mill. The grades of flour turned out are: Patent, Gold Dust, Fancy Flour, No. 8, Family Choice, and Belle; the first named is not excelled in quality by any flour in the market. The mills have been in active operation for seven years. Mr. Rodman was born in Boone County, Indiana, served for four years of the war, first as 2d Lieutenant in the 10th Indiana, then as Adjutant and Captain in the 86th Indiana. He is a G. A. R. and Odd Fellow, the oldest member of the latter order in the county, having joined in 1858. The amount of capital invested is \$20,000. Mr. Rodman has been engaged in the milling business all his life and understands every detail of the trade.

N. E. & S. S. Galloway, General Merchandise.—The general merchandise trade is ably represented at Kingman by the house of N. E. and S. S. Galloway. The salesroom is 25x100 feet, filled with a choice and elegant assortment of goods. In boots and shoes the firm has a specialty, and carries the largest and finest stock in the county. Five hands are constantly busy. The members of the firm are uncle and nephew, natives of Ohio, K. P.'s and Woodmen. N. E. is also an I. O. O. F. The senior member has been in the business twenty years.

Dr. S. Kesner, Medicated Vapor Baths.—This institution is devoted to the rational treatment of diseases of all characters. Dr. Kesner has erected buildings and apparatus, and is prepared to treat those who are afflicted with nasal catarrh, rheumatism, neuralgia, female complaints, etc., with perfect success. The treatment is by medicated vapor baths. Ladies have a room by themselves, and a lady assistant is always at hand. The patients who once test the Doctor's system, will have little use for drugs and compounds hereafter. The Doctor is a native of Indiana, came to Kansas in 1857, and has been established here five years.

J. L. Benepe, Physician and Surgeon, has been located at Kingman since 1885, and secured a flattering recognition of his skill. A native of Ohio, he took his degree at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, in 1882, and has since been in active practice. He has a fine outfit of surgical instruments and a fine library. He is a member of the Kansas State Medical and the American Medical Association, secretary of Kingman County Medical Society, and one of the Board of Censors of the Wichita Medical College; he is an Odd Fellow.

The Kingman Shoe and Clothing House, J. R. Greenamyer, Proprietor.—Conspicuous among the mercantile houses of Kingman is J. R. Greenamyer, dealer in clothing, shoes and furnishing goods. The store is situated on the main business street of the city, and the stock is most carefully and tastefully displayed. Mr. Greenamyer was born in Indiana, served during the war in the 129th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at Wiser's Forks, North Carolina; came to Kansas seven years ago. He is an I. O. O. F., and enterprising, reliable business man.

Dr. P. J. M. Burket, Physician, Surgeon and Dentist, Wholesale and Retail Druggist.—One of the largest, handsomest and best managed retail drug house in the State of Kansas, is that of Dr. P. J. M. Burket, of Kingman. His building was erected in 1885, is 26x150 feet in size, two stories, and fully occupied throughout with the various departments of the business. The stock of \$10,000 comprises besides drugs, wall paper, paints, oils, glass, artists' material, etc. Four assistants are employed. The Doctor's foreman in the drug department is J. Wesley Cookson, a graduate of Ada College, Ohio, and a most skilled and competent chemist, pharmacist and druggist; his son, an only child and dental student assisting. F. Otto is a very bright young man, also interested in the farm and stock business with his father. The Doctor is a practicing physician and surgeon, also a dentist, and employs two assistants in the latter branch. In all the establishment he keeps none but the most skillful to be secured. His building is fitted with water, electric light, etc. Dr. Burket was born in Indiana, served in the 138th Indiana Infantry in the war, took his degree from Ann Arbor Medical College in 1865, came to Kansas in 1871, and to Kingman in 1882. He owns 400 acres of land in the vicinity, 200 acres of which is seeded in wheat. He is a G. A. R. He is somewhat of a newspaper man, having lately invested in one of the leading newspapers of the county, is over half owner in the official paper of the county, the *Journal*.

N. Durant, County Treasurer.—Kingman County voters have selected as their servant in this office an old soldier, who served his country as captain of Company I, 113th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who lost an arm at Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, '64, a man of the people, who lived on a farm for many years in the county, yet he brought to the office every qualification necessary. Mr. Durant was born

in the Green Mountain State, lived in Ohio, and came to Kansas and Kingman County in 1883. He is a member of the G. A. R. and a citizen of great popularity.

U. G. Mustoe, County Clerk.—No office in the gift of the people of a county requires more especial qualifications in the incumbent than county clerk. Mr. Mustoe is a native of the Hawkeye State; came to Kansas in 1877; was engaged in the hotel business in Kingman for six years and won such a reputation for efficiency that he was elected county clerk in the fall of 1889. He is a K. P., I. O. O. F. and M. W. A.; a pleasant spoken gentleman of marked ability and much public spirit.

Badger Lumber Co., F. J. Gentry, Manager.—The Badger Lumber Co. has a branch yard at Kingman, fully stocked with lumber, lime, building material of all kinds, coal and paint. The coal business of Kingman is carried on here, the following lines being carried: Weir City, Canon City, Osage, anthracite and blacksmithing. Mr. F. J. Gentry, the efficient manager, is an accurate accountant and makes a specialty of figuring upon bills and giving estimates in regard to buildings. He is a native of Missouri; received his higher education at the Kentucky University, Lexington; came to Kansas five years ago; was engaged in the management of the lumber yard at Medicine Lodge and two years ago came to this point. He is a Mason and K. P.

W. B. Herod, Attorney at Law.—Among the leading members of the Kingman County bar is W. B. Herod. Mr. Herod is a native of Kentucky, has lived mostly in Indiana, received his legal education from the legal department of the Michigan University. Mr. Herod makes prompt collections, represents non-resident property owners, gives legal advice, pleads the cases of his clients in any of the courts of the state, and, in fact, conducts a general legal business. He is local attorney for the Missouri Pacific railroad and for the International Loan and Trust Co.

Charles H. Ogborn, (Successor to Albert Watkins) Abstractor and Examiner of Titles.—One of the most important business establishments in the city of Kingman is the bonded abstract office of Charles H. Ogborn, who owns the oldest and best set of abstract books in the county. Mr. Ogborn has been engaged at this business nearly five years; was born in Iowa; followed school teaching a number of years; came to Kansas in 1883. His office is supplied with all the facilities for his business; a fine, large 4,500 pound fire-proof safe being among its features.

Chicago Lumber Company.—The Chicago Lumber Company established one of the first yards opened in this city. The ground occupied covers a space 150x150 feet. It is under the management of Mr. C. M. Blanchard, a native of Michigan, came to Kansas in 1882, been in the lumber business four years, is a K. P. and an accurate pains-taking business man. A stock of \$12,000 is carried.

Hotel Brunswick.—The Hotel Brunswick is a most capably managed, nicely fitted and furnished hotel; roomy, convenient and comfortable. The building is of brick, three stories, contains sixty bed-rooms and four sample rooms. The proprietors are D. A. Fortna and E. H. Chamberlain. The former from Pennsylvania, the latter from Arkansas. Twelve hands are employed and in every detail of the large establishment it is a credit to the city and Southern Kansas. The proprietors are tireless in looking after and providing for the comfort of the guests and are determined to make this a most popular resort.

M. L. Mock, Attorney at Law.—One of the best known men in Kingman is M. L. Mock, Attorney at Law and Insurance agent. Mr. Mock makes a specialty of collection and pension cases, being especially qualified to prosecute the last named. In the insurance line he is agent for some of the best companies extant, among them the North America, Hartford, Glen Falls, National, Connecticut, American, German, Fireman's Fund, Liverpool and Penn Fire. He has had long experience at the business and thoroughly understands every detail. Mr. Mock was born in Ohio, served in the war three years with the 90th Ohio volunteers, came to Kansas in 1884, is a leading G. A. R. man, an A. O. U. W., Modern Woodman, and one of the Select Knights. He is a Justice of the Peace and a man who will promptly and accurately perform all business entrusted to him.

Robinson Brothers, Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Fancy Notions and Gents' Furnishing Goods.—The leading establishment of its kind in Kingman County, is carried on at Kingman by Robinson Brothers. The room occupied is one of the handsomest in the city. It is 25x80 feet, and the elegant stock of \$10,000 is displayed with taste and judgement. The firm has been in business here seven years. The brothers, S. D. and R. C. Robinson are natives of Virginia; lived for some time in Iowa, and came to Kingman in 1883. S. D. is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. Besides the brothers, two

hands are employed, and a first-class, popular and square-dealing establishment is run in every respect.

M. H. Haskins, M. D.—Has been in Kingman since 1886. He is a native of Illinois; graduated from the Chicago Medical college in 1875; came to Kansas in 1876, and has been in practice ever since taking his degree. He is surgeon for the Santa Fe railway, is an I. O. O. F., a Mason, Chapter and Knight Templar.

Dr. J. F. Jones, Veterinary Physician, Surgeon and Dentist.—Has been at this point four years and has built up a very extensive business, both by personal calls and by mail. He has the best instruments and medicines and will attend to the most difficult cases in horses or cattle. Answers by mail one dollar.

Z. C. Coen & J. M. Jarvis, Livery, Feed, and Sale Stable.—A most excellent barn is kept by Z. C. Coen and J. M. Jarvis at Kingman, with the best of accommodations and everything going to make overland traveling pleasant. The firm also buy and sell horses. Their barn is 25x165. Mr. Coen was born in Illinois, is a Woodman. Mr. Jarvis was also born in Illinois, served in the 72d Illinois volunteers, attached to McPherson's headquarters.

Jno. Byrnes has for the past four years managed the United States and Pacific Express and the Western Union Telegraph business at Kingman, in a faithful and efficient manner. He employs an assistant and a wagon. Mr. Byrnes was born in Illinois, has always been a telegrapher, serving as station agent and operator, and came to Kansas in 1886. He is a member of the K. P.

Ritchie Bros., Photographers.—The three brothers, W. A., J. J. and D. A. Ritchie are all thoroughly imbued with artistic interest. Their camera can make a plate 14x17, sharp and distinct in every part. W. A. is an excellent crayon artist and has been a photographer eight years; his brothers came in four years ago. Their gallery is lined with specimens of their work, unsurpassed for beauty of finish and fine design.

NEWTON.

Newton, the judicial seat of Harvey County, is an important city of 6,000 inhabitants. It is situated on Sand Creek, a tributary of the Arkansas River, and at the crossing of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Missouri Pacific Railroads, twenty-four miles directly north of Wichita. In 1870 the first frame building appeared in the shape of a blacksmith shop, which was shortly afterwards followed by a grocery and bakery. In the following year buildings went up rapidly, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe completed their line, when Newton, in consequence, became the

shipping point for thousands of Texas cattle. This traffic caused the influx of numerous "cowboys" and a heterogeneous crowd of by no means desirable citizens, who for several years put law and order at defiance and held the town in complete subjection. The extension of the railway, however, diverted the traffic to other points, relieved Newton from the presence of these roughs, and in 1875 the city started rapidly on its way of advancement which has continued uninterrupted up to the present time. In 1872 the town was incorporated as a city of the third class, and in 1880

was raised by proclamation to the second grade.

Some idea of the amount of business transacted in the city can be gathered from the following facts: The bank clearings foot up more than \$1,000,000 per week; 3,600 cars are required during the year for the local traffic; 16 passenger trains arrive, 14 passenger trains leave, and 130 freight trains arrive and depart every twenty-four hours.

Amongst the prominent industries of the city may be mentioned the magnificent roller mills with a capacity of 300 or 400 barrels per day, the cornice works and the carriage and buggy works, specimens of their handiwork being met with all over the West as far as the Pacific Ocean. There are two national and three private banks, transacting a business of \$50,000,000 per annum. Thirteen churches are established here including the various organizations of Presbyterians, Catholics, Methodists, Baptist, Episcopal, Mennonite, Evangelists and Lutherans. Three public school buildings, costing \$85,000 furnish all the requisites for a common school education, while a higher grade will be afforded by the Bethel College, now in course of construction. Recent railway developments and some commercial deals in property involving millions promise to give a great impetus toward the further prosperity of the city. Elegant residences, miles of shaded streets, splendid parks and hotels, superior educational advantages, and a healthy climate all combine to render Newton a very desirable place of abode.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF NEWTON.

Ady, Peters & Nicholson, Attorneys at Law.—This firm enjoys a state reputation, built up by years of brilliant legal successes, and to-day is one of the leading firms in Kansas. Mr. Ady, the senior partner, is a native of Wells County, Indiana, and studied law there, being admitted to the bar in 1870, when he came to Newton. He was in the Legislature in '76-7, and introduced the first prohibitory law there in the latter year. In December, 1889, he was appointed U. S. Attorney for the District of Kansas, which position he still holds. Judge Peters of the firm is too well known to need much introduction here. Born in Ohio in '42; he entered the Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio in '59, and in '61 enlisted in the 73d Ohio and worked his way step by step from private to captain. In '65 he attended the University of Michigan, graduating with high honors in '67. From '68 to '73 he resided in Memphis, Mo., running the Memphis *Revelle* during most of that time. In '73

he came to Kansas, and in '75 resigning a senatorship was elected Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, and was re-elected in '79. In November, '82, he was elected Congressman-at-large to the 48th Congress. The reapportionment of the State into congressional districts placed him in the big Seventh. He was a member of the 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st Congresses and declined a renomination. The Judge is a past G. C. of the K. T. of Kansas, P. C. of the Judson Kilpatrick post of the G. A. R., and a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Nicholson, the junior member is a shrewd young lawyer. Born in Park County, Ind., in 1862, he came here in '83 and was admitted before the Supreme Court here in 1890.

Aultman, Miller & Co., Manufacturers of Buckeye Mowers and Binders; M. Rebstein, General Agent, 120 E. Fourth St.—The Aultman, Miller & Co., buckeye mowers and binders, have a world-wide reputation, and have made Akron, Ohio known all over the universe. Newton is the distributing point for Southern and Western Kansas and for Oklahoma, and the extensive business has been for six years under the management of Mr. M. Rebstein, general agent. He is a thorough business man, and to him is due in great measure the increase in the sales of these popular implements. Mr. Rebstein came from Jefferson County, Wis., where he was brought up. He was a gallant soldier in the 3d Wisconsin Cavalry during the war, and when peace was declared he settled at Baxter Springs, Kansas, where he was engaged in the sale of general merchandise until 1871, when he removed to Quincy, Illinois. Since 1884, he has been a very successful manager of the implement business here. Mr. Rebstein is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity.

F. D. Tripp, Artistic Photographer.—Mr. F. D. Tripp has the honor of being the oldest resident artist in the city, having established his gallery here in 1878. He has elegant parlors at the corner of Main and Broadway, and makes a specialty of fine photographs and copying and enlarging old pictures in ink, crayon or retouching. He was born in Chautauqua County, New York, and removed to Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he learned his profession and followed it successfully for some years. Coming to this place he at once entered upon a prosperous career, the character of his work being so superior to anything that had ever been produced here. His extensive patronage includes that of the best people of Harvey County, who take advantage of his genius and experience to secure an artistic portrait.

Keeny & Co., Merchant Tailors, 505 Main St.—At the fine establishment of Keeny & Co., the well dressed gentlemen of Newton have every advantage to look well. They carry a stock of some \$3,000 worth of suitings. Their store has quite a metropolitan appearance. J. E. Keeny has been here about four years; had a partner for a time, but is now alone. He has built up a trade by strict attention and honest dealing.

Wester & Berggren, Merchant Tailors, 510, 512 Main Street.—This firm was organized and the business established in 1885. Mr. Wester is from Chicago and Mr. Berggren from Kansas City, and both came from Sweden about ten years ago. They carry a nice little stock from which patterns can be selected and excellent fits and good work are guaranteed. Both gentlemen are of good social qualities and public spirit. Mr. Berggren is a Mason, a K. of P. and Corporal in the state militia. Mr. Wester is a member of the Mystic Circle and Captain of the Uniform Rank of the K. of P.

J. J. Krehbiel, Manufacturer and Repairer of Wagons and Carriages, 128-129-130 E. Sixth St.—Mr. Krehbiel with an experience of thirty years, has been established in the above mentioned business in Newton since 1879, and has built up a large and constantly growing trade. He employs a number of hands, varying with the season and demand. He builds a superior class of wagons, but the greater part of his trade is confined to repairs. Mr. Krehbiel came here from Denmark, Lee County, Ia., where he was raised, and where he learned his trade and followed it for years. He was in the service of his adopted country during the war, but not as an active soldier.

T. C. Cutler, Attorney at Law and Justice of the Peace.—Mr. Cutler, whose practice dates from 1842, is one of the oldest legal practitioners in Newton. He came here sixteen years ago, was chosen Justice of the Peace, which office he still retains. He has only been out of town once in the twelve years he has occupied his present position, and that was recently when visiting the Indian Territory. Mr. Cutler was born in Connecticut, and removed to Rochester, New York in 1828, and thirty-six years ago to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he practiced law for twenty years. He amassed a competency years ago, but still serves his fellow-citizens, and is known as a just and upright officer. His office at corner of Main and Broadway, is the finest and most attractive in the city. Mr. Cutler has been for many years a Royal Arch Mason.

C. Stellar, Proprietor of the Newton Meat Market, 704 Main Street.—Among the rising young business men of Newton, may be mentioned Mr. C. Stellar, who has been engaged in the meat market business here for the last four years, steadily increasing his trade and adding to the number of his customers. He came here in 1877 from Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was raised and where he learned his trade, and until he commenced business for himself worked as a journeyman. He has a good stand and takes the utmost care in filling orders with the best there is in the market. Mr. Stellar buys hogs and cattle for shipment and pays the highest market prices. He is a young man full of energy, with a bright business future before him.

J. L. Lawry, Proprietor of the Newton Roller Feed Mills, 122 Sixth St.—Established in 1885, these mills have been in successful opera-

tion since that time turning out feed of all kinds, cracked and rolled wheat, graham flour, oat meal, corn meal, etc. The latest improved machinery is used and generally taxed to the utmost capacity to supply the demand. Mr. Lawry, a thoroughly progressive man, came here from LaSalle County, and after farming for some time in the neighborhood, established his present enterprise, which stands prominent amongst the industries of Newton.

City Drug Store, 524 Main St.—The City Drug Store is now owned by Frank L. Abbey & Co., Dr. Axtell being the un-named partner. The firm does a regular drug business, and also pays particular attention to fitting spectacles under the advice and direction of Dr. Axtell, who is an oculist of experience and ability. Mr. Abbey is a practical druggist and a graduate of pharmacy from the State University. Dr. Axtell is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, founder and proprietor of the Axtell Hospital of Newton. He is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W., M. W. A. and F. M. C., and is medical examiner in each. Mr. Abby belongs to the Odd Fellows and M. W. A.

Newton Drug Co., 423 Main Street, A. Seaton, President.—O. W. Roff, the manager, is a gentleman of character and large business experience. They deal in drugs, jewelry, watches, etc. The business was established ten years ago. Mr. Roff is a practical pharmacist and came here nearly twenty years ago from Kentucky, and has been in drugs all his life. He carries a \$15,000 stock, and enjoys a trade second to none. He is a leading member of the K. of P.

D. S. Welsh, Proprietor of the City Livery, Sale and Boarding Stables.—These are the largest and best appointed in the city, and were established by the present proprietor in 1882. The firm name was at one time Welsh & Wing, then Welsh & Lewis, and now D. S. Welsh. Mr. Welsh has been a resident of Newton since 1882, was born in Pennsylvania and removed early to the New York state line, leaving there ten years ago. His stables are 45x165 feet in area and are lighted by gas and electricity and provided with all modern conveniences. From twenty to thirty-five fine horses are kept, and a fine assortment of buggies and carriages. Mr. Welsh is one of the largest shippers here and he also operates the Newton dray line with the largest transfer business in town, and owns a blacksmith shop where fine horseshoeing is made a specialty. Mr. W. is a careful business man, and has made a great success of his enterprise. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

South Side Livery, Sale and Feed Stables, 117 E. Third St., William Pherson, Proprietor.—With a life long experience in handling horses, with forty or fifty of them in his stables, with superior vehicles to match, Mr. Pherson is always ready to furnish everything desirable in a first-class livery. He came here from Indiana and stands high in the Masonic fraternity.

Studio and Art School, Miss Clara Lemmon.—High art has its devotees in Newton to a great extent and it is not strange that Miss Lemmons' school is a success. Miss L. is possessed of high talent in landscape and portrait painting. She is a graduate of the high school of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, her old home. She first taught a class in Topeka and in Newton did the same before she opened her studio in 1887. Miss Lemmon make a specialty of painting on china and for the past eighteen months she has had a gas kiln for firing the work and is prepared to fire and finish work of that kind for outside patrons, on reasonable terms.

The Newton Anzeiger, C. D. Heinrich, Proprietor.—An independent weekly, published in the German language, established four years ago, edited with force and vigor, having a circulation of upwards of 1,100, and commanding the respect of all parties. Mr. Heinrich came from Germany to Wisconsin, graduated at Naperville, Illinois in 1878, located at Newton in 1881, and is now conducting the above with ability and success. He also publishes a religious monthly (M. E.) with the wonderful circulation of 12,000, and does artistic work in German and English in his well equipped job department.

HALSTEAD.

THE city of Halstead is in the center of Harvey County, one of the best counties in the state of Kansas of its size. The city of Halstead lies on the banks of the Little Arkansas river, has the A. T. & S. F. railroad, and fair prospects for another trunk line which will be known as the Dakota, Wichita & Galveston railroad; a direct line from North Dakota to Galveston, Texas. It has, also, the finest country around it without doubt. The citizens are all wide awake and energetic, which makes it a thriving place. It is surrounded by a most excellent agricultural region that contributes its trade to this little city. While crops may sometimes fail elsewhere, it is very rare indeed, that this rich and productive valley fails to yield bountifully to the hand of agricultural industry. The farmers in this neighborhood are all well fixed financially.

The schools are systematically graded and rank with the best in the state. The Mennonite College is located just six squares west of Halstead. Its terms of school are well attended. With the opening of spring Halstead City anticipates the inauguration of a number of new enterprises.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HALSTEAD.

E. M. Hoover, M. D.—The people of Halstead are fortunate to have in their midst such a well posted physician as E. M. Hoover. Dr. Hoover was born in Indiana, studied in Cincinnati, graduated in the American Medical College at St. Louis, practiced seven years in the State of his nativity, and came to Halstead in 1885. He is a member of the Missouri State Medical Society, and of the National Associa-

tion of Eclectics. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and K. of H., for the latter of which order he fills the position of medical examiner.

Halstead Broom Factory, W. H. Meyer, Proprietor.—This busy institution has been in active and successful operation seven years, employs three workmen, and has secured a flattering trade. The factory is 30x40 feet, two and one-half stories high, and is furnished with all the apparatus necessary for turning out strong and substantial brooms, of which articles seven different styles are made. Mr. Meyer is a native of Hanover, came to America twenty-two years ago, conducted a factory in New York state for some years, and in 1883 removed to this place. He is a member of the Woodman's Lodge, a thorough workman and first-class man.

A. Petrie & Co., Produce Commission Merchants and Market Gardeners; Halstead Creamery Butter, Eggs and Poultry.—This firm is well and favorably known throughout a large section. Farmers and others having dealings with this house, can rest assured that good produce can always find here a market. Mr. Petrie is a native of Germany, and raised from boyhood in the Hoosier State; came to Harvey County in 1871 and has been in business six years, the last year being in partnership with Mr. J. W. Smith. He is a K. of H. and a sterling business man. Mr. Smith is a native of North Carolina, and has been a farmer in Harvey County since 1870. Having two energetic men interested in it, it is no wonder that orders for articles in their line come from Colorado, New Mexico, New York and nearly everywhere.

E. A. Munch, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.—An attractive display adorns the windows and cases of E. A. Munch, who, with his wife, attends to the wants of patrons. Mr. Munch is also a civil engineer and does considerable

surveying for the county and city. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and learned the watch-making trade there. He served during the rebellion in the 8th Ohio cavalry, and lay for a considerable length of time in Libby prison. He has been established eleven years in Halstead, is an active Grand Army man and a leading Odd Fellow. He is a skilled workman and responsible dealer, and in social circles he and his wife are extremely popular.

D. S. Marcy, Notary Public, Insurance Agent and Dealer in Coal.—Here is a man who is deprived of the use of his lower limbs yet is capable of performing an immense amount of business. Mr. Marcy gets about by means of a chair, which he has learned to operate with amazing activity. He was born in Cass County, Illinois, came to Harvey County in 1876, carried on farming several years and moved to town six years since, first opening an insurance office, and then four years ago putting in a stock of coal and also starting a dray and transfer wagon. He represents the old and popular Phenix, of Brooklyn, the Home of New York, and the Fireman's Fund. Business in his line is speedily and carefully transacted and in every instance satisfaction is given.

M. F. and G. B. Fey, Butchers and Packers.—The firm of M. F. and G. B. Fey has been in business since November 15, 1890, and four years previous Mr. G. B. Fey conducted it part of the time alone, and part in company with Mr. Dettweiler. The small and humble beginning has developed into a business of large proportions. G. B. Fey crossed the ocean in long clothes thirty-six years ago, came to Halstead six years since, and being raised a butcher, soon saw an opening for carrying on his trade. He is a K. of P. A partnership of such characters as this firm—uniting skill, system and capital is bound to succeed.

A. J. Miller, M. D., Homeopathist.—Is a gentleman of varied experience, high professional skill and well earned influence. He was born in Ohio, served three years as assistant sergeant in the 4th and 133d Ohio regiment; earned his degree at Cleveland in 1867, and graduated from the Homeopathic Medical school at Cleveland in 1872. He settled in Halstead in 1874, and after some years went to California, but returned to Halstead last year. The Doctor has been a Mason for thirty-five years and is an exemplary Odd Fellow.

John Lehmann, Postmaster.—The accommodating postmaster at Halstead took charge of the office March 1, 1890, bringing all the qualities needed to make a pleasing, painstaking and obliging official. Mr. Lehmann is a native of Germany, came to America in 1852, lived in Iowa, then in Illinois, coming to Kansas in 1874. He has always been in mercantile life, and has also served in positions of public trust, Councilman, City Treasurer and Mayor, always in people's confidence.

D. W. Wright, Hard and Soft Coal.—D. W. Wright has a considerable trade supplying hard and soft coal, and those who deal with him are assured of fair weights and reasonable prices. Mr. Wright was born in West Virginia, reared in Illinois, and came to Kansas in February 1879. For the past four years he has been selling coal in Halstead, beginning in a small way. He is painstaking in all his transactions, and his extending circle of patrons trust his word.

D. C. Ruth & Co., Lumber, Coal and Building Material.—The well arranged lumber yard of D. C. Ruth & Co. is noticed by every one coming to Halstead. It occupies a large space, 180x126. A stock of \$10,000 is carried, and the annual sales foot up to an immense amount. Mr. Ruth the resident partner is a native of Bavaria, came to America when eight years old, and although interested in Halstead since 1874, did not settle here until 1881, when he opened the yard. Mr. Ruth has served in various official capacities, as mayor and councilman and always has retained the confidence and esteem of the people.

Vilas E. Lawrence, M. D., is a graduate of that leading institution of learning, the University of Michigan. He was born in Pennsylvania, and upon his graduation in 1883, opened an office in Ohio where he practiced four years, and then came to Halstead. He belongs to the A. O. U. W. of which he is at present master workman. He serves as examiner for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., the New York Mutual, the A. O. U. W. and the Northwestern Masonic Aid.

J. H. Hauschildt & Co., Wholesale Produce and Commission Merchants.—J. H. Hauschildt & Co., handle large quantities of butter, eggs, poultry, etc. This trade here was started in 1884 by F. Banner & Co., in 1888 it became Petrie & Hauschildt, and in August 1890 took its present title. The building is 25x80, holds a stock of \$2,500. Mr. Hauschildt was born in New York and came to Kansas in 1879, is an active, energetic man of liberal disposition.

Embick & Son, New Meat Market.—Samuel Embick, the head of the above firm was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Halstead May 12, 1878, opening up in the butchering business for three years, and during the past five years he has been in the same business again. The junior partner, Henry Embick, is an I. O. O. F. The business requires the time not only of the members of the firm, but also of another younger son.

Tribune.—Halstead this last spring, March 14th, 1890, received an important addition in the new paper. The paper is four page, seven columns, got up in city style, and has rapidly gained an immense popularity. All the people here advertise in it. J. C. Gaiser, the owner, is a typical young Kansan. He was born in Illinois, came to Kansas when he was five years old and been six years a practical printer.

MARION.

MARION is the principal town and commercial centre of Marion County, and is situated near the confluence of the Luta and Clear Creeks and Cottonwood River. First settled in 1860, it was platted and adopted as the county seat in 1867, with a population of 300, and afterwards in 1875 was organized as a city under the laws of Kansas, and can now claim a population of about 4,000.

It has the benefit of two railroads: The Marion and McPherson branch of the Santa Fe system, built in 1879, and the main line of the Rock Island running through Central and Southern Kansas, built in 1887. It is located ninety miles west of Topeka, fifty from Wichita, 165 from Kansas City and 194 southwest of St. Joseph, Mo.

The city is surrounded by a magnificent and fertile country, the Cottonwood Valley being richly adapted for the rearing of stock, and the growth of any and all kinds of fruit and grain. Horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep feed upon a hundred different varieties of wild grass; corn, wheat, oats, sorghum, millet, rye and barley are abundantly grown; apples, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries and grapes, both wild and cultivated are to be found in profusion, while the fields are beautifully diversified by patches and forests of cottonwood, walnut, ash, hickory, elm, box-elder, oak, soft maple and sycamore.

The natural beauty of Marion's situation is greatly owing to the fact of the city being environed with charming natural parks. The Central Park, Billings Park, Donaldson and Hosmer's Park, with other wooded glades, afford cool, pleasant and shady retreats, and inviting walks for the inhabitants or their visitors.

Marion is a substantially built city. Many of the stores in the business blocks, with all their modern appliances for convenience and utility, will compare favorably with any in the surrounding States; while most of the finer private residences built on a rising ground commanding a magnificent view of the valley below, are models of elegance and taste. Nearly all of these are built of magnesian limestone, great beds of which are to be found in the immediate vicinity. Although quarried and shipped to a large extent, this building stone of the finest quality, the supply of which

is practically inexhaustible, ought to attract the attention of our enterprising capitalists. Samples of its fitness for building purposes can be seen in the handsome bridge in the Central Park, costing \$15,000, the Y. M. C. A. building \$20,000, the Elgin Hotel \$25,000, and in fact all over the business and residence portions of the city.

The industrial and manufacturing interests of Marion are represented by the following: The Marion Foundry and Machine Shops, where in addition to all kinds of mechanical work, special attention is devoted to the manufacture of a patent self-heating sad iron; the Cottonwood Valley Mills, driven by water, with a capacity of 120 barrels of flour and meal; the Marion Roller Mills, run by a powerful engine; and some three miles below, Funk's Mills driven by the Cottonwood River. In addition to these are the brick yards and the stone quarries already mentioned. Manufacturers of all kinds who might profitably assist in utilizing the water power at present running to waste, will receive a cordial welcome here.

There are four banks with a capital of \$200,000 and boundless credit. The Cottonwood Valley Bank established in 1875, Christie and Carter's Bank established in 1880, the First National organized in 1883, and the Union Banking Company.

News from all parts of the world are supplied by one daily and three weekly publications.

Two handsome school houses have been erected for the educational requirements of the community, the high school having a special preparatory course for the State University.

There are four churches: Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist, each with its Sunday School and a large roll of attending members. There is also a Telephone exchange and communication with the neighboring cities.

The Water Works and the Electric Plant constructed in 1887 at a cost of \$100,000, form important adjuncts to the health, property and safety of the town. In the electric light room is a ninety horse power engine, with a fifty arc dynamo and a six hundred incandescent dynamo. In the water works part of the building there are two duplex pumps; a feed pump capable of feeding a 400 horse power

boiler, a heater, purifier and all other necessary appointments. The water tower twelve feet in diameter and 140 feet in height, stands thirty feet above the business portion of the town, and is connected by five or six miles of iron main with all parts of the city. The 30,000 barrels of water in the tower, and the direct pressure from the high pressure pump—equal to a height of 200 feet—along with two thoroughly equipped hose companies, secure the most ample protection in case of fire. A sketch of Marion would be incomplete without notice being taken of the Marion Mineral Springs with baths and sanitarium, about two blocks from the Elgin Hotel, and the High Rock Springs three miles north of the city. These medicinal waters possess the highest curative qualities, as testified by many who have benefited by their use.

Marion has an elegant Opera House, supports a company of State Militia, and numerous lodges of the mystic brotherhood, including Masons, Odd Fellows, G. A. R., S. of V., W. R. C., A. O. U. W., Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Knights of Labor, Good Templars and Modern Woodmen.

The natural charms of the location, the healthy atmosphere, the pure water, the rapid growth and brilliant outlook, all combine to render Marion a very desirable place for business or the comforts of a happy home.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MARION.

Cottonwood Valley National Bank.—The Cottonwood Valley National Bank occupies the corner room of the fine stone block of Dr. Rogers, on the corner of Maine and First streets. The bank was organized in 1878, and became a national bank in October 4, 1888, with a capital of \$50,000. The present officers are Isaac Good, President; I. N. Rogers, Vice President; L. P. Davis, Cashier; R. G. Hannaford, Assistant Cashier. Mr. Good is an old and wealthy resident of the county, having located here fourteen or fifteen years ago, coming from Canada. Dr. Rogers is one of the most prominent citizens of the county, and identified with its interests twenty years. Mr. Davis, the cashier, is a courteous gentleman especially fitted for the important post he so ably fills. He came to Kansas from Kentucky and was for four years connected with the Loan and Trust Company, of Topeka. The bank has had a very successful career, and the increasing wealth of this section of the country has largely increased its importance.

The Marion Times, Foote & Kuhn, proprietors.—If you would like to see a rattling straight-out western and republican paper send for a copy of the *Times*. It succeeds, but is in

no wise related to the *Scimeter*, lately deceased. It gives intelligent and earnest attention to the interests of Marion County, yet does not forget the broader problems of National politics. The *Times* plant, although damaged considerably by a fire last November, is one of the finest in this part of the state, as their work both on the paper and job work attests. Mr. C. E. Foote, the editor, served four years as Probate Judge of Marion County, and is credited with having been a very efficient and popular officer. He is a native of Michigan and a graduate of the Oskaloosa College, in Iowa. Shortly thereafter he commenced preaching and was pastor of the Christian Church at Oskaloosa, Iowa, a number of years and later at Grinnell. He first came to Topeka, in this state, and later to Marion. A throat trouble compelled him to leave the ministry, and he was chosen to the office heretofore mentioned. His intelligence and force of character will lend strength to the press of Kansas, and valuable service to the citizens of Marion—city and county. Mr. H. Kuhn has had long experience in the newspaper business and is an able and energetic manager.

The Marion Sanitarium. Dr. G. L. Piper, Proprietor.—In 1885, Walter Sharp, an enterprising contractor and builder of Marion, sank a well at the head of Third Street, in the city, which tapped three veins of water, each of a different quality. Two of these, proved upon analysis to be so impregnated with soda, iron, magnesia, sulphur and other ingredients, as to make them possessed of rare medicinal qualities. An attempt was made to utilize them and to advertise them to the public. A building—a good one of stone was erected, and the public was invited to bathe and drink of the waters. Thousands took advantage of this invitation, but litigation in regard to the ownership of the property retarded the usefulness of this sanitarium, until Dr. G. L. Piper secured a lease of the property, about two years ago. The Doctor is a graduate of the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, had spent more than twenty years as superintendent of medical springs at Oconomowoc, Fon du Lac and Norton, Wisconsin, and had been surgeon for two years, for the Santa Fe railroad. When he came here a new impetus was given to this sanitarium and during the last year between 800 and 900 patients have been skilfully treated here. All cases of female weakness, kidney complaints, rheumatism, and in fact nearly all the ills that flesh is heir to, relieved or permanently eradicated by the use of these waters, under advice and manipulation of Dr. Piper. The efficacy of his treatment and of the benefit to be derived by the use of these waters is attested by hundreds who have tried them. Correspondence solicited.

Carter & Carter, Hardware and Implements.—The above firm succeeded to the business of Carter & Co., which was established in 1881 by Carter Bros. One of them having died, the present firm of Carter & Carter is composed of Mr. T. A. Carter, the surviving brother, and Mrs. M. A. Carter, widow of the

deceased brother. They carry a stock of about \$10,000. Mr. Carter and his brother came from Kentucky and commenced business as above. Their store, at the northeast corner of Main and Second streets is filled with the best stock of stoves, hardware, tin, sheet-iron and copperware, cutlery, tools, etc. The firm is recognized as a leading one in the general summary of the business interests of the city. They are also agents for the New Home sewing machine.

S. H. Grimes & Co., Lands, Loans and Insurance.—The members of the above named firm are all residents of Marion County, Messrs S. H. Grimes and Judge H. A. Billings. They have been in co-partnership but a short time, although Mr. Grimes has been engaged in similar pursuit for some twenty years. Mr. Grimes has occupied this present office constantly in one firm or another for the last ten years, and has been a resident of Marion for twenty-two years. He may rightly be considered therefore, the best informed man in the county on real estate values and possibilities. He came here from Elkhart, Indiana, from which place he went into the army. Judge Billings was originally from Monroe County, New York, lived six years in Ohio, and for seventeen years was a resident on the line between Indiana and Michigan. During these years he farmed or worked at the trade of carpenter, with such success that he thereby laid the foundation of his present fortune. In 1865 he came to Kansas and settled on a farm near Burlingame, in Osage County. There he was Probate Judge for seven years. He was one term chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for that county, and from 1879 to 1886 operated a lumber yard at Lyndon.

W. P. Morris, Mayor and Real Estate Dealer.—Hon. W. P. Morris, the present mayor of Marion has been a prominent business man of the city for the last five years, and a resident of the county ten years. He came to this county from Chariton County, Mo., where he had been for years school teaching. He settled first at Hillsboro, in this county, where he engaged successfully in the banking and loan business, and on coming to the city of Marion five years ago, formed a co-partnership in land and real estate with Mr. A. W. Brewerton. Their office was in the First National Bank building. Subsequently the firm was dissolved and Mr. Morris removed across the street. He has placed thousands of dollars in loans and has furnished the money for some of the greatest operations in the financial undertakings of the citizens of Marion. Mr. Morris was elected mayor of this city a year ago last April. His administration of the duties of the office have been such as to call down upon him the encomiums of the people without regard to party.

Land, Loan and Insurance Office, M. L. Wood.—A leading representative of the Land, Loan and Insurance business is Mr. M. L. Wood, whose office is at No. 7, Young's block, Marion. Mr. Wood established this business in 1889, but has been a resident of Marion

twelve years, and previously was in the land department of the Cottonwood Valley Bank; and by his efforts thousands of acres of land were placed in the hands of actual residents, and thousands of people have been induced to make their homes in Marion and vicinity. Prior to coming to Kansas Mr. Wood was several years traveling representative of Saunders' Athenæum, an educational institution located at Jacksonville, Illinois, from which place he came to this city. He has a list of available lands for sale, and is agent for some of the leading, fire, life, marine and tornado insurance companies. Mr. Wood has been a Sir Knight in the Masonic fraternity for twenty-five years.

C. W. Keller, Attorney at Law and Abstractor.—The subject of this sketch has practiced law in this place for the last twelve years. He pays more particular attention to furnishing abstracts of titles, having a set of books, duplicates of the county books. He is able to prepare a correct and reliable abstract of title more quickly and at less cost than any other person in the county. Mr. Keller came here from Streator, Ills., where he was engaged practicing law. He originally came from Erie, Pa., and went into the Union army from that place. Since his location in this city he has built up a good business and reputation for honesty and probity. He is a leading member of the M. E. church and a local preacher therein, and at the big camp-meeting held last summer occupied the position of general secretary. He is a G. A. R. and K. of H. also.

Ehrlich Bros., Cottonwood Valley and City Mills.—Of sturdy German-Russia stock, the Messrs. Ehrlich brought to this country a splendid knowledge of milling, learned in the great wheat-growing and flour-making districts of Southern Russia. Jacob and Johannes Ehrlich who comprise the above named firm, came direct from Russia to Marion County, Kas., in 1886. They bought land and engaged in farming; but being such excellent millers, they erected a small mill on their farm, and for a couple of years turned out the best flour known in the country, although in a limited quantity. In 1884, they established a water-flouring mill on Cottonwood Creek near the town, and in 1887, built a stone steam mill in the city, and are now operating both mills. The Valley Mills have a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day, and the City Mills of 100 barrels, and they employ a capital of \$50,000. Both buildings are of stone, with three floors. They make "No. 1 Fancy," the "Straight Grade" and the "White Rose" brands, which are great favorites in the market.

Barrows & Tidyman.—The above have a fine stock of furniture and undertaking and mortuary goods in an elegant room in Dr. Roger's stone block on First street. In 1881 Mr. Barrows founded the business and Mr. Tidyman came in seven years ago. They carry a stock of about \$4,000, and also have a fine hearse which they keep at the Rink livery. This is the only undertaking firm in the city.

Mr. Barrows came here from Bedford, Iowa. He kept a hotel there for years, but was finally burned out. He rebuilt, however, on an enlarged plan, and having a good opportunity to dispose of his property, he sold out and came to Kansas. Mr. Tidyman came here from Dodge County, Wisconsin, where he was a brick mason. The room occupied by them is 30 x 60 feet in size with a workshop in the rear. Both gentlemen belong to the Masonic fraternity.

Rink Livery, S. C. Freeland, Proprietor.—The Rink Livery is known all over this portion of the country for the reason that it is outfitted with the finest livery stock. It is situated in a former skating rink, at the corner of Main and First Streets, which with a few alterations makes an elegant livery barn. We were shown some elegant double carriages and some single carriages which would not be deemed out of place on the streets of Chicago. With Mr. Freeland in joint ownership are also associated his brother, Mr. E. L. Freeland, and Mr. Theodore Derr. The Freeland brothers came here from Illinois about eight years ago, where they followed farming. Mr. Derr was a horse shoer and came from Ohio. Mr. Sam Freeland is a Mason. In addition to the livery trade, the horse of the undertaking firm is kept here. They also operate a nice stable at McPherson which does a good business.

H. S. Martin, Attorney at Law.—The west offers to the young men of the east a broad field of earnest endeavor. Mr. Martin received his education in Carmi, Illinois, and after passing favorable examination and being admitted to the bar, came here in 1886; he soon secured a good practice, and now enjoys one of which any young man might be proud. He was appointed city attorney last year. Mr. Martin has a fair start on the road to fame and we predict for him a brilliant future. He is a member of the K. of H. and Royal Arcanum.

The Marion Globe, C. N. Whitaker, Editor.—The *Marion Globe* is a leading Republican newspaper. It is a lively sheet of seven columns, eight pages, and is the successor of the *Register* which was started by Whitaker Brothers, in 1885. Three years later the *Register* was moved to Horton by one of the brothers, and the *Globe* was started by the other brother, C. N. Whitaker who still publishes it. Mr. Whitaker is a practical printer and a ready writer. The *Globe* has a circulation of 800 in the county, and a corresponding influence. Mr. Whitaker has started five newspaper plants in this State, at one time operating three of them together. He came here from Avoca, Iowa. He was born in Louisa County, and lived for twenty years in Union County where he learned his trade. He operated the *Register* as a daily for a year and a half during the booming excitement in Marion. Mr. Whitaker came here without a dollar, and now has a nice home and good newspaper property as the result of his energy and ability as newspaper man. He is socially, quite popular, and is a member of the K. of P.

Fred Louis, Postmaster.—Was appointed May 15, 1889, succeeding Mr. Hardcastle. Mr. L. first came here March 10, 1868, and has erected various iron and wooden bridges in Kansas, Missouri and Texas. He latterly also erected stone arches. He built the first bridge over the Arkansas River at Wichita and also put up those at Arkansas City, El Paso, Sterling and other points. In Marion he has been trustee, constable, undersheriff and city marshal. At the age of 5 he ran away from home in St. Louis on account of a half brother, and made his way to Macoupin County, Ills. The body of a boy supposed to be him was found drowned in a creek and was published and buried as his. He bound himself out to a farmer, but when the war broke out and he was only 13 years old he ran away to enlist. He tried to get into the army on repeated occasions, but was refused on account of his youthfulness, and at last found himself driving a six-mule team at the front in Tennessee. There he finally got his name enrolled on the army roster and served creditably until the close of the war. Not until years afterwards did he succeed in finding his brothers and identifying himself, which, however, he happily accomplished.

J. F. Dickerson, Attorney at Law.—Among the younger class of attorney Mr. J. F. Dickerson occupies a prominent place: his office is



over Christies jewelry store on Main Street, where he established himself about three years ago. He came from Harrison County, Ohio, and settled in this County when a boy. Three years ago he graduated from the Law Department of the Kansas State University. His practice has been good, promising abundant success in the future; he is a K. of P.

J. M. Corbett.—Mr. Corbett is proprietor of the old reliable Sale and Feed Stable on Main Street, near the bridge. He established this business twenty years ago and, save when he leased it for three years, has continued to run it. He has seventeen head of horses, with a

number of brood mares, but confines himself almost entirely to the sale and feed business. Mr. Corbett came here from Juneau County, Wisconsin, where he was five years in the lumber region. He came originally from Clarion, Pennsylvania, and served over three years in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry. He is a Mason and a member of the G. A. R.

Bradbury & Robinson, Meat Market.—This market was established by the junior partner, John Robinson, about four years ago, and recently Mr. Bradbury came in. Mr. Bradbury is one of the best known cattle men in Marion County. He has been in the county five years and was for a time in partnership in this line with R. B. Walter, at Florence. The business at the present stand, however, was originated by H. P. Denmark. They buy and ship hogs and cattle to Kansas City and Wichita. Both gentlemen originally came from Larned. Mr. Bradbury is an I. O. O. F.

W. H. Evans, Clerk of Marion County.—Mr. W. H. Evans, is now serving his first term as County Clerk, having been elected in the fall of 1889; Mr. Evans is quite a young man but has made an excellent officer. He was raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and came to Kansas in 1877. He first lived in Wichita and then removed to the town of Lincolnsville, where he carried on the hardware business from 1882 until last year. He is an excellent singer, and player of the organ and piano. He is a member of the Masons, K. of P. and other benevolent societies. In the discharge of the duties of his office, he is assisted by W. V. Church.

Knapp & Scott, Grocers.—The above named firm have only been in business here since two years ago last December, but have already established a large trade. Both gentlemen were in the grocery business at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, some years ago. Subsequently Mr. Knapp came to Kansas and Mr. Scott to Ellendale, North Dakota, and finally they united here together. They have a good store room at the corner of Main and Second Streets and have adopted the plan of small profits and large sales. Both gentlemen are young and full of energy and calculated to make friends, and keep them too. Both are members of the A. O. U. W.

Niederhauser & Shelmadine, Practical Boot and Shoe Manufacturers.—The above named firm has the only exclusive boot and shoe business in the city. They carry a stock of about \$3,500. In addition to their stock of ready made goods they manufacture fine boots and shoes to order, and in this department as well as in the other, they have few equals. The business was established the first of January last, and has proved to be very successful. Chris. Niederhauser came from Switzerland, and Edward Shelmadine from Elkhart, Indiana, five

years ago, and worked at their trades until they opened this business. Mr. Niederhauser belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and Mr. Shelmadine to the Masons and Royal Arcanum.

W. M. Hall, Photographer.—Mr. Wm. Hall is the leading photographer in this part of the country. He has elegant parlors and the best sky-light in the county in the Jex block. Specimens of his work can be found on the tables or in the albums of many of our leading families. Mr. Hall has followed this profession for ten years. He came originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, but has been in different states in the West as far as the Pacific coast.

Henry A. McLean, Attorney and Counselor at Law.—Mr. McLean came from Topeka in 1871. He read law with the present District Judge, Hon. Frank Doster, and was admitted in 1882, after which he attended the State University of Kansas. For a year he was a clerk in the office of Judge Doster and with the firm of Doster & Bogle, and on May 1, 1887, he opened an office of his own. He has ever had plenty of business and keeps two stenographers and typewriters constantly employed. He is the resident attorney for the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railway and has served as city attorney. Mr. McLean is a Mason and a Son of Veteran, and personally and socially is very popular.

John F. Carter, Lumber and Coal.—Mr. Carter was born and raised in Kentucky. He operated a dry goods store several years in Martinsville, Wood County, until 1867, when he became attached to the U. S. revenue department, holding the office of U. S. gauger for five years, and in 1872 removed to this county, purchasing a farm near Florence. He carried on this farm and, for a time, was clerk in a lumber yard in Florence, until 1879, when he removed to Marion and opened a lumber yard. Three years later he took his present yard. He now carries a stock of \$7,000, and his annual sales amount to about \$40,000.

The Elgin, John F. Carter, Proprietor.—Marion is fortunate in many ways, not the least of which is in having one first class hotel, The Elgin. It is a stone structure, three stories, surrounded by trees; it has steam heat, electric light and call bells. The gentlemanly host, Mr. J. F. Carter, and his lady give attention to the guests. Under Mr. Carter's management this hotel has come to rank with the best. Persons wishing to visit the sanitarium can depend on finding the best of accommodations at the Elgin.

W. R. Coburn, Dentist.—Has been in Marion ten years and is the only dentist here; he makes a specialty of palate plates for cleft palates, and filling gold and porcelain crowns on natural roots, also bridge work. He was raised in Pecatonica, Illinois; belongs to the Royal Arcanum and M. W. of A.

PEABODY.

PEABODY is situated in Marion County, Kas., on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and the Rock Island Railroads. It is a city of the third class and has about 2,500 inhabitants, including the additions which are not yet in the city limits. It is one of the most prosperous towns in this part of the State, and enjoys a good trade from the surrounding country, which is extremely fertile and thickly settled by a very industrious class of American and German farmers. It is especially a cattle feeding point, and it is stated, that more fat cattle are shipped from this city than any other point in the State. There are fourteen firms engaged in the fattening and shipping business here. But horse breeding is also a very prominent industry, and the fastest stallion in the State, "Joe Young," record 2.19 $\frac{1}{4}$, is owned here.

The city has three good hotels, two newspapers, three banks, a windmill factory, the Kansas State Silk station, fine system of water works and fire department, six church buildings, a splendid high school and common schools, a public library in a special building used exclusively for that purpose, with over 4,000 volumes free to the public; also a prosperous Building and Loan Association, two grain elevators, a steam hay press, Fairgrounds and track, and all branches of business fully represented except flouring mills. The amount of wheat grown in the vicinity would make the milling business a perfect bonanza to the firm erecting and operating a mill at this point, and the city will offer great inducements to the right party for this purpose.

The city is beautifully located, is well built, with some very substantial business blocks, and some very elegant private residences. Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, United Workmen, Knights of Labor and several other organizations are represented here. The soil is a rich, black sandy loam, very productive and easily worked. Water is pure and abundant. Farming land, with some improvements, is held at from \$15 to \$20 an acre; prairie at \$10 to \$15 an acre. Intending settlers will find here agreeable and good society, good schools, delightful climate and fertile lands, and will be heartily welcomed by the people now here.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF PEABODY.

Palisade Hotel.—First among the hotels of Central Kansas comes the Palisade of Peabody. The building erected six years ago is of modern style, light and well furnished. It is beautifully situated and surrounded by trees and gardens. Its appearance alone seems to rest the tired traveler and assure him the comforts of home. The house has twenty-one sleeping rooms, elegant parlors and a comfortable office. The dining room is another attraction. The hostess, Mrs. Chrisfield, gives personal supervision in the dining-room, giving such attention to the guests as only a lady of experience can. She is a native of Maine. Mine host E. S. Chrisfield, is originally from New York, but has been in Peabody fourteen years. He was deputy sheriff seven years and in real estate business. He bought this house in 1886. It is the best two dollar house in the country, and does credit to the city as well as its management.

Bechtel & Co., The "Bee Hive" Grocery.—Bechtel & Company have been in and around Peabody upwards of six years, and since October, 1887, have been established in the grocery business. They occupy a spacious store 25x100 feet, which filled with a \$5,000 stock of groceries. They make a specialty of fancy groceries and table delicacies. Messrs Bechtel and Nusbaum are natives of Ohio, but came here from Freeport, Illinois; at first they were engaged in farming. J. M. Bechtel is one of the influential men of town, being president of the City Council; and is a man of broad ideas. J. W. Nusbaum, a nephew of Mr. Bechtel's, is a young man of wonderful business foresight, he does the buying for the firm and shares the other responsibilities.

A. Clayton, Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Queensware, Etc.—This flourishing enterprise was established five years ago. The premises, centrally located, are admirably adapted to the grocery business. The stock is complete, comprising staple and fancy groceries, canned goods and table delicacies, also provisions and a full assortment of queensware. Mr. Clayton is a native of Ohio, he has been in Peabody five years. Before coming here he lived in Iowa. He rendered valuable service to the Union in the 89th Ohio regiment.

Doyle Lumber Company.—This immense enterprise is under the supervision of James Stuart. He is a native of the Keystone State, was reared in Illinois and came to Peabody nineteen years ago. He thoroughly understands lumber, and has been in the business here twelve years. He is one of the promoters

of the city's interests. He has been councilman. He is also prominent in the Masonic order. The other Stuart brothers, the owners of the yards, are in Webb City, where they have large lumber yards. The yards located in Peabody are 150x125 feet, and here at all times will be found a large stock of lumber of all kinds, shingles, lath, doors, sash, and everything used in building a first-class modern house. They do a cash business, and the stock on hand amounts to about \$6,000.

The Graphic. D. McKercher, Proprietor.—Peabody has the best newspaper of any town of its size in Kansas. The *Graphic* was founded in December 1882 as a democratic organ, and continued as such till purchase by Col. McKercher in January, 1888. It appears every Friday and has a circulation of 700 which is being steadily increased. The name of its owner Col. D. McKercher assisted in the editorial by its young and enterprising manager Mr. J. J. Funk, is sufficient guarantee of the paper's prominence. The Colonel is one of Peabody's pioneer settlers coming here in November, 1870; he at that time took a quarter section in the vicinity, and still lives on the farm he has cultivated; he was many years the leader in the

lumber business here and sold out when he took the newspaper. A native of Wisconsin, he rendered brilliant service in the Union cause; he went out as Captain of Company H, 10th Wisconsin, and rose to be Colonel; he was captured at Chicamauga and spent eighteen months in prison; he was among the 600 officers who were placed under fire at Charleston in order to try and dissuade the Federals from bombarding the city; he is commander of the G. A. R. Post, a Freemason and member of the Loyal Legion. Mr. Funk in addition to his management of the *Graphic* carries on an extensive real estate business.

G. W. Mitchell, Attorney at Law.—Mr. Mitchell is a native of Pennsylvania, educated and graduated in Illinois at Teutopolis, in 1878, with Hon. S. Trexler. He taught school and studied law for several years; he also acted as deputy sheriff previous to his coming to Peabody in 1885. He was admitted at Marion, Kansas, in 1887. He is the son of one of the ablest lawyers of Pittsburg. Mr. Mitchell has special facilities for collecting and is a notary. He makes a specialty of prosecuting government claims.

FLORENCE.

FLORENCE is situated at the confluence of Doyle Creek and Cottonwood River in the southeastern portion of Marion County, ten miles southeast of Marion, the county seat. It is an important eating station on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, which branches out here in four directions (northeast, northwest, south and southwest), thus securing to the city ample communications with surrounding points. The adjacent district, in addition to its agricultural resources, has extensive beds of superior building stone which can be quarried without much difficulty. In 1870 the town was platted, several additions were made in the following year, and in 1872 it was incorporated as a city of the third class under the State laws of Kansas. In 1871 the first newspaper was published under the title of the *Florence Pioneer*, which, after three years struggling existence, was discontinued. The *Florence Herald* was first issued in 1876. There is a bank, a good stone school building, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Catholic and Baptist organizations, and the usual business houses of a thriving country town. The population is 1,200, and the shipments are creamery products, cattle, grain and building stone.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF FLORENCE.

Graham & Tucker.—One of the finest and best blocks in Central Kansas is that of Firman & Caze in Florence. It is an elegant block of three stories, the upper stories being handsomely fitted as an Opera House. In the two stores of the lower story is the handsome establishment of Graham & Tucker, who do the heaviest business in general merchandise of any firm in this section. The floor space is 50x100 feet, and is filled from one end to the other with a choice stock of goods of all kinds comprised in a list of general merchandise. The stock is valued at upwards of \$35,000 and the store is a popular one with the consumers of Florence and the adjacent country. The members of the firm are Benjamin K. Graham and John A. Tucker. They are both young men full of energy and business pluck. The store was originally owned by F. W. Tucker, who sold his stock to Craig & Corbett. Upon their removal to their present location, the members of this firm, in 1884, put in the present improved stock, or rather the nucleus from which the present one has grown. Their business has continually increased until they now give employment to nine clerks, and in the busy season their store is thronged with purchasers. Mr. Graham came from Iowa about seventeen years ago with his father, who built the fine water mill at this point. Mr. Tucker

was born in Massachusetts, but came to this place twelve years ago, when he was still a boy. The system observed in the management of the extensive establishment is the very best and labor-saving devices are employed to assist the clerks in the discharge of their duties. The success of the firm was long since assured, and they occupy a place at the head of the great firms of this section.

T. P. Alexander.—Mr. T. P. Alexander, dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves and Agricultural Implements, is located at No. 323 Main Street, corner of Fourth. Mr. Alexander is the leading dealer in that class of goods in Marion County. He served his country as a brave soldier during the war and then returned to his home in Danville, Illinois, with a lieutenants straps upon his shoulders. He engaged in business there for some years, but in 1881 came to this city, which was not then a year old. It promised a successful future to the active business man, however, and Mr. Alexander immediately erected a building, and put in a stock of such goods as he carries to-day, but upon a much smaller scale. His judgment was correct. The town grew, the country about it was settled up, and Mr. Alexander's business increased rapidly. In 1878, his business had grown to such an extent that he was compelled to put up a new building, which is his present commodious place of business. The building is an attractive one 25 x 125 feet in size. His business continued to increase until first one, then a second warehouse, also of stone, were erected behind the main store. Each of these is 25x50 feet in size, and together with the main store room are filled with goods in his line. He carries a stock of \$25,000, and his annual sales foot up over \$75,000. He can furnish just as choice goods and give as good prices as any house in any of the large cities, so that the foolish practice of some people to send abroad for their finer or heavier goods, is more than foolish, if it were to be practiced in Florence. Mr. Alexander attends to his business closely, and spends no time in politics or secret societies of any kind. He gave the flower of his youth in defense of his country, and has been contented since to exercise the duties of good citizenship, by minding his own business.

Thomas Morrison.—Captain Thomas Morrison, the subject of this sketch, has led a stirring and useful life from boyhood up, and to-day no man is better known or more highly respected in the State of Kansas. He commenced life as a cabin boy, and for a quarter of a century he ploughed the billowy deep. From the day he bade adieu to the green hills of Vermont and took his place upon the green, watery billows of the sea, he began to develop from a sturdy boy into a stalwart man: strong alike in body and mind. Leaving the business of owner and commander of a whaling vessel, in which he had been conspicuously successful, he came to Kansas in 1870. He first settled in Emporia, where his sterling wealth of heart and brain were soon acknowledged. He was successful in business, and was chosen a coun-

cilman and afterwards mayor of the city. In 1877 he removed to Florence, where he is following the real estate business, in which he was engaged in Emporia. He is the accredited agent of the Santa Fe railroad for the sale of lands, and in this matter has disposed of thousands of acres in this vicinity, and is still daily selling farms composed of as fine land as ever laid out of doors. During the years of active business life since he came to Kansas, Captain Morrison has acquired a good deal of city property of his own in Emporia and Florence, as well as farm property in this region. It is probable that there is not another single man in this part of the country who is as well posted as to values and the capabilities of land in Kansas as Mr. Morrison, or one who can give you as good a bargain as he from his extensive list. And the best of it is that you can test his statements in any of his deals, and you will find them wholly correct. Captain Morrison is now the very efficient and popular mayor of Florence, to which exalted office he was called by the suffrages of an admiring and appreciative community. We recommend him most heartily to land-seekers here or investors abroad as a gentleman whose judgment and statement can be depended upon, and who can procure them just what they may desire.

The Florence Water Mills.—The Cottonwood River is one of the leading streams in this section of Kansas, which in the dryest season preserves a sufficiently high stage of water. In 1885 Mr. E. J. Sweet bought the present mills, which are situated within the limits of the city. In remodeling the mills, Mr. Sweet put in steam power and new and improved machinery and generally overhauled the whole building. It contains six stand of rollers. One brand of flour—the "Success"—has been long sold in this section and is a popular favorite. The product of the mill finds a ready sale at markets near at hand, and it has not been necessary to make shipments to any great distance. Mr. Sweet was formerly connected with the Santa Fe railway in an important capacity. He came to this State from Chicago. He also buys and ships grain, and is recognized as one of the leading men of Florence.

Joseph Lacoss.—Mr. Lacoss opened his new livery, sale and feed stable to the public last April. He keeps sixteen head of livery horses, with buggies and carriages to match them. Mr. L. also attends to the training of young horses for the road or speed ring. Men bring their fine animals from long distances to him, and, by careful training and manipulation, he soon makes good runners or trotters out of them. Mr. L. came here from St. Joseph County, Indiana, and settled on a half section of land he owns near Chase, ten miles from here. He farmed until he came to town.

John Hammond Lovatt, M. D.—The very popular physician and surgeon whose name appears at the caption of this article is a no less genial and companionable gentleman. He is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this part of the country and, in addition to

his home practice, his education and experience causes him to be called in consultation, or his services to be sought for, from long distances. Dr. Lovatt is of Scotch extraction, although born in England. He received a liberal education and graduated from Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, England, and three other medical institutions, and is a registered pharmacist of this State. He was for five years surgeon-major in the British army in India, and later connected with hospitals in Panama, in New Orleans, and for two years and a half city hospital surgeon in St. Louis. From the last named place he three years ago came west and settled in Florence, where he enjoys a good practice.

R. B. Walter.—Mr. R. B. Walter has a monopoly of the butcher business in Florence. He came here from Lancashire, England, about thirteen years ago and established himself in business. In addition to supplying the people of Florence and vicinity with fresh and salt meats of all descriptions, Mr. Walter does con-

siderable shipping of cattle and hogs, his markets for this stock being Wichita and Kansas City. He has been so long in the business that he is a most excellent judge of stock. His location is a conspicuous one at the corner of 4th and Main streets.

John Haasis, Chicago Bakery and Restaurant.—When but a young man, seventeen years ago, Mr. Haasis came to this country and settled in Chicago. Seven years later he came to Florence and opened at his present stand on Main St. His bread is the best in the county, and his restaurant also has a splendid reputation, so that he is justly proud of his success.

J. S. Mize, Livery.—Came here from Richmond, Kentucky, about sixteen years ago; he has been in the livery business twelve years at his present stand. He has splendid buggies and carriages and fine horses. Mr. Mize is a Mason. He is agent of the Consolidated Tank Line for Marion County, disposing of about six hundred barrels annually. He was a member of the city council some years.

ENTERPRISE.

ONE of the most solid and busy little cities in central Kansas, is Enterprise. It is located on the south side of the Smoky Hill River, near the center of Dickinson County, and has the Santa Fe, R. I., and U. P. railroads, giving its commercial interests ample facilities for receiving and shipping their goods. It holds tributary as fine a farming country as can be found in the state, giving her merchants a heavy and constant trade. She is noted for her manufacturing interests, of which we make special mention. They also have a fine college building which will open soon, and a number of creameries in the country adjacent which encourage the dairy interests of the county. Business is active and healthy and shows every evidence of prosperity.

Among other firms we may mention Staatz & Son, general merchants; J. F. Buhner, hardware; John Latts, general store; E. F. Grosser, lumber; Eyth & Flack, Drugs, and Will Paister, groceries.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ENTERPRISE.

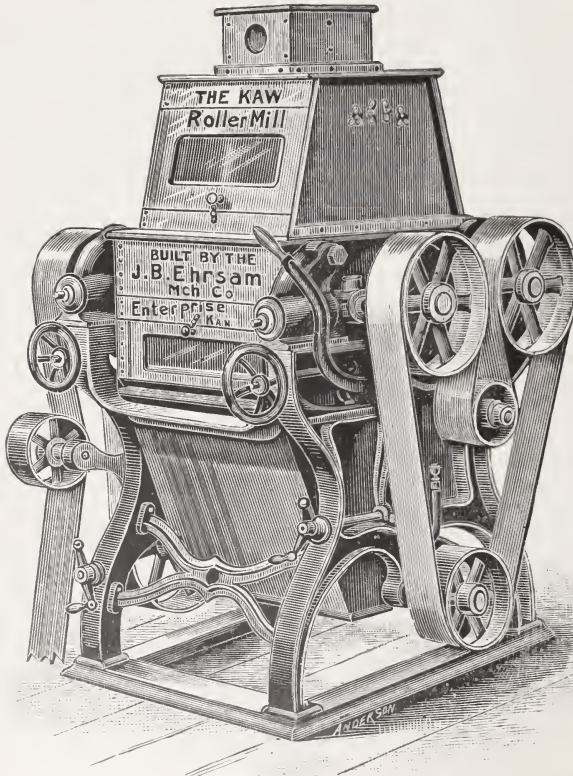
C. S. Hoffman & Son, Millers.—The name and fame of this firm and their favorite brands

of flour is well known throughout the West and South. In Europe, too, their goods have often found a ready market. The building is a handsome four story structure, 100x50 feet, located at the splendid dam of the Smoky, which furnishes the cheapest and best power for the milling business. It is supplied with the very finest machinery and devices known to the trade for securing superior flour. Their principal brands are U. P., H. S., Fanchion and Supreme. Meal and feed are also produced in large quantities. The capacity of the mill is 500 barrels per day, placing it among the first mills in the State for production as it is for quality of goods. It has switches from the Union Pacific, Rock Island, and Santa Fe railroads, thus giving it a choice of routes and enabling it to reach all points at lowest possible rates. The mill was erected in 1872 by Messrs. Hoffman & Son, and its immense and steadily growing popularity attest their practical skill and splendid business management. Mr. Hoffman is a native of Switzerland, but has lived in this country nearly thirty years. He combines with the practical, careful sense characteristic of the Swiss the ambition and enterprise of an American, and is an ideal citizen, loved and respected by all.



The J. B. Ehrsam Machine Co.—Enterprise has the finest water power in the state of Kansas, having here a 150x15 foot dam in the Smoky Hill river. It is utilized for various purposes, principal of which is the running of the immense factory of the J. B. Ehrsam Machine Co. They also have steam power to use in case of accident or demand for extra

power. The building is of stone, 200x50 feet, with power houses; and has switches from the Santa Fe, Rock Island and U. P. railways. They produce a large line of manufacturing and mining machinery, making a specialty of millers supplies and mill outfitting. Their "Kaw Roller Mill" is perhaps the most perfect flour mill made and is a general favorite with the trade. The "Inter-Elevator Reel" is another of their specialties deserving particular mention for its very effective work. There is no better evidence of their ability to successfully compete with other firms in their line than the fact that they have furnished a large number of mills throughout this and other states, among them the "Salina" and "Western Star" mills mentioned elsewhere. the "Larkin Mills" at Council Grove, and mills at Ellsworth, Hays City and St. Mary's. Their machinery is the best obtainable and arranged with a special view to rapid and effective work. From 125 to 150 mechanics are constantly employed, to whom from \$40,000 to \$50,000 are paid annually. The company has a paid in capital of \$60,000, which pays a semi-annual dividend, showing that the business is in a flourishing condition, which indeed it has been from its inception in 1883. Mr. C. B. Hoffman, the president, is mentioned elsewhere. Mr. J. B. Ehrsam, the secretary and manager of this gigantic enterprise is a native of Switzerland, but has long been a resident of this country. He is a master mechanic and as the splendid success of the establishment indicates, a master business man and a model citizen, awake to the best interests of his city and country. Mr. C. M. Case, is the treasurer. Correspondence solicited.



Bank of Enterprise, C. B. Hoffman, President; C. M. Case, Cashier.—Enterprise is fortunate in possessing one good bank instead of several poor ones, as do some of her larger sisters. The Bank of Enterprise was established in 1883 by Mr. Hoffman and others, with a cash capital of \$50,000, which, in order to meet the rapidly increasing demands of business, was increased to \$75,000 a few years later. The bank is well located and nicely furnished and does a strictly legitimate banking business, being of immense value to the merchants and farmers of the community. Mr. C. B. Hoffman, the president, is a man of

remarkable business ability. A Switzer by birth, his parents early removed to Leavenworth, this State, and in 1865 to this place. Besides other business mentioned in another article, he has large properties in Mexico. Mr. C. M. Case, the courteous cashier, is a native of the Granite State. He came here three years ago, and the fact that he was almost immediately elected mayor of the city, which office he still holds, attests the popular favor with which he was received. He is a man of large means, superior financial ability and fine social qualities. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

HERINGTON.

HERINGTON is a city of about 2,500 inhabitants, in Dickinson County, situated at the crossing of two branches of the Rock Island system with the Missouri Pacific's main line between St. Louis and Denver; 163 miles southwest of Kansas City, and eighty-one miles southwest of Topeka. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural district, in which great crops of corn and wheat are raised. Farmers and stock growers have every shipping facility by the above mentioned lines, or by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe some six miles west of the city. Lime Creek (spanned by two iron and stone bridges) flows right through the town, furnishing at all times an abundant supply of water. The city contains many handsome and substantial business blocks, chiefly built of brick and stone manufactured in the town or quarried at no great distance from the city. The Herington Hotel block erected at a cost of \$60,000, and the Herington Opera House block costing \$40,000 are perhaps the two most prominent; and to these might be added the Bank of Herington block, the Moser block, the Wentworth block, the Bixby block, the Herington Mercantile Co.'s block, and others raised by the enterprising residents of the city. In these are a score of successful business houses, dealing in all kinds of general merchandise and doing a large trade with the adjacent country.

The private residences are alike creditable to the inhabitants and in keeping with the general solidity of the town. There are four places of worship for the various church organizations, and for the education of the junior portion of the community, a large and commodious school building has recently been erected at a cost of \$20,000. There are three banking establish-

ments; the Bank of Herington, the First National and the private bank of Wilson Bros. The city also contains a large flouring mill, two lumber yards, a butter and cheese factory, two large hotels and four newspaper publications, the *Times*, *Tribune*, *Vindicator* and the *Kansas Exchange Journal*. The shops and round house of the C., K. & N. R. R. with about 200 employees are located here.

The city is lighted by electricity and has its water works with mains along the principal streets, and an efficient fire brigade with three thousand feet of hose at command, thus securing ample protection in case of fire. The growth of Herington has never suffered a check; every house is occupied at the present time, and the inhabitants look forward with confidence to the future prosperity of their city.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HERINGTON.

Herington Mercantile Company, dealer in General Merchandise. R. M. Rigdon, proprietor. —The Herington Mercantile Company have the largest stock of general merchandise in the city, carrying in the neighborhood of \$20,000 worth of goods and doing a volume of business in Dickinson, Morris and Marion counties amounting to \$60,000 per annum. They employ seven people. The mammoth establishment located on the corner of Main and Broadway was established by W. D. Herington four or five years ago, when the town was young. The present proprietor, R. M. Rigdon, took possession about a year and a half ago. The store-room is an immense space, 50x70, and the stock so arranged that the customer may find just what he wants. Everything shows system and order. On one side of the store are arranged boots, shoes and groceries, on the other, dry goods; while in the center, extend-

ing the full length of the room, are tables holding a full line of gentlemen's clothing. Mr. R. M. Rigdon is a native of Delaware. He came to Kansas in 1879 and has been engaged in business for a long time at Council Grove. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow and also belongs to the orders of Workmen and Woodmen, besides the G. A. R., having served two years as a non-commissioned officer in the Union Army. Mr. Rigdon, while not an old man, has had a ripe business experience, and is the very man to conduct the affairs of this vast concern to a successful issue.

Jas. McNaspy & Co., Loan Brokers, Farm Loans, Chattel Loans and Commercial Paper.—In every new country, where real estate is changing hands and new improvements are being made and new enterprises projected, the real estate agent and loan broker are a necessity. Men well acquainted with real estate values and trained in fiscal transactions are looked to for assistance and advice. Herington is fortunate in having the firm of Jas. McNaspy & Co., representing this line of business. Mr. McNaspy is one of the old-timers in this section, having come here from Maine in the early days. For twenty years he has been engaged in farming and stock raising and no man in this section is better qualified for his peculiar business than he. Mr. McNaspy belongs to the order of United Workmen; has at different times held the offices of township trustee and justice of the peace and is generally regarded as one of the leading men of the town. They do a large business in the way of real estate loans, and also on personal property and chattels. Anyone desiring to know about this section or having business in their line would do well to call on Jas. McNaspy & Co.

J. S. Simpson, Dealer in General Merchandise, near the Corner of Main Street and Broadway.—Is a prosperous young business man of Herington. His business was established in 1887. He carries a full stock of groceries, dry goods, clothing, etc., and does a business in the neighborhood of \$50,000 per annum. His store is 50x80 and gives employment to seven men. Mr. Simpson is a native of Norway but has been in this country since 1865. He has been in Herington since 1884. He is a member of the K. of P., and has a host of friends in this section.

J. W. Vance, Boots and Shoes.—The town of Herington is essentially a town of young men. Three months ago Mr. Vance established himself in the first floor of the opera house. A month later he moved his stock to a desirable location on East Main Street, where he carries on an exclusive boot and shoe business. His store room 60x24 is replete with an ideal stock of boots and shoes, arranged with taste and order. Mr. V. was formerly from Iowa, but came to Herington from Los Angeles, where he still owns property. We predict for Herington a sure growth and success as long as her business establishments are conducted by such men as he.

Wilson Bros., Private Bankers, Real Estate and Loan Brokers; office over Bank of Herington.—One of the most solid, and therefore one of the most important enterprises of Herington, is the private banking business conducted by Wilson Bros. These gentlemen belong to the class of men who are most important in building up and sustaining any country. They are not mere agents, handling Eastern money, but are the owners of the money they loan, and it goes without saying that if a man find the security, Wilson Bros. can find the money. They hail from Madison, Ind., although Mr. T. R. Wilson, the senior member, resided and was interested in large business enterprises in Memphis, Tenn., before the war. They came to Kansas looking for investments for their money, and after traveling all over the State and making some investments in other localities, decided to settle in Herington. They located here in 1887 and have been identified with the growth and prosperity of this section ever since. Mr. R. A. Wilson is a Mason and at present holds the office of township treasurer. Mr. T. R. Wilson in manner is the typical southerner, affable, courteous and gentlemanly. We would advise anyone visiting the town of Herington with the idea of locating or making investments to call on Messrs. Wilson and learn something about the country.

James Anderson, Merchant Tailor, corner Broadway and Main.—Mr. Anderson established himself here about two years ago and opened a shop on Broadway. On March 1st of the present year he moved to his present commodious quarters. He carries the biggest stock of merchandise in his line in the city. The business gives employment to three people and finds its market in three counties. Mr. Anderson is a native of Scotland and came to Kansas in 1884. Two years ago he came to Herington from Marion. Mr. Anderson is a Mason, a pleasant gentleman and a thorough business man.

H. Wentworth & Son, Hardware and Implements.—The establishment of H. Wentworth & Son on the corner of Broadway and East Main Street, is one of the important enterprises of Herington. This firm do a business in hardware and farming implements with the people of three counties, Dickinson, Morris and Marion. They carry a stock of \$8,000 to \$10,000, and require the service of four people. They handle everything in the way of hardware and farming implements, and make a specialty of the John Deere Plows and Walter A. Woods goods. Mr. H. Wentworth is a native of Otsego County, New York, and came to Russel County, Kansas, in 1871, where he engaged in the same business that he is in now. He came to Herington and started his present business in April, 1885. Mr. W. is an I. O. O. F., was a member of the Kansas legislature of 1884-85, and is at present a member of the City Council. His son, the junior member of the firm, E. M. Wentworth, is an energetic young man. He is a native of Wisconsin but has been reared in the State of Kansas. Their building is 80x25 and two stories high.

The upper story being used for implements and surplus stock—and the addition at the rear for a tin shop.

The Herington Lumber Company.—Lumber is always an important and flourishing business in a new town. This branch of trade is well represented in Herington by the Herington Lumber Company, who have the largest and best furnished yard in the city. It is a branch of Muehleisen & Co. of St. Joseph. They occupy five lots directly opposite from the Opera House. They handle lumber, lath, shingles, lime, cement, etc. The business was started first by Mr. M. D. Herington, who sold to the present firm January 1, 1888. The volume of business transacted runs from sixteen to forty thousand dollars per annum and the territory contributory is chiefly embraced in the counties of Dickinson, Marion and Morris. Mr. W. N. Hawley, the genial manager here, was born in Pekin, Ill. and raised principally in Iowa and Nebraska. He came to Kansas in 1884 and has resided in Herington since June, 1888. He is at present the city treasurer of Herington. The business of the firm could not be in better hands, as Mr. Hawley is wide-awake, energetic and attentive to his affairs and above all has the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Henry C. Stenger, Hardware.—This store was opened in 1887 on the corner of Main and 2d streets, where Mr. Stenger conducted it for one year, when the growth of his trade necessitated a change to his present roomy place on Main Street, next to the First National Bank. The building is 22x70 feet. Mr. Stenger carries a stock of four to five thousand dollars, and does a business of from fifteen to sixteen thousand dollars per annum. He keeps a full line of hardware, stoves, tinware, guns, cutlery and the best varieties of farming implements, and does business with the people of Dickinson, Morris and Marion counties. Mr. Stenger was born in Washburn, Woodford County, Illinois, and has only been a resident of Herington for three years, but in that time has become one of the leading merchants of the town.

Bixby, Photographer.—Mr. T. M. Bixby, the photographer, is an example of the push and energy of the young men of the West. He was born and raised in Marion, Iowa, and came to Kansas in 1886. In 1888 he landed in Herington, and was so pleased with the prospects of the place, that he had hardly been there twenty-four hours when he purchased the photograph establishment of J. L. Weaver. About one year ago he built the building in which he now is—a two-story brick 50x25 feet, and has furnished himself with all modern improvements in the art of photography. Mr. Bixby belongs to the K. of P. The growth of

his business will be measured only by the growth of the town and surrounding country.

Dumm & Davenport, Undertakers and dealers in Furniture, etc., the two rooms north of Herington Mercantile Company.—Herington being a new place, all its enterprises are necessarily of recent date. This firm came from Clay Center in January, 1890. Their store is 50x75 and stocked with a complete line of furniture, pianos and organs, picture mouldings, sewing machines, undertaking supplies, etc. Their trade for the year indicates a very prosperous business and promises well for the future. Mr. Davenport, the managing partner at this point is a native of Ohio, and came to Kansas seven or eight years ago. He was engaged in business at Council Grove and also at Clay Center. He is a Mason, a member of the K. of P., and A. O. U. W., a young man of good business qualifications, and has ingratiated himself into the good graces of the people of this section by his fair dealings and pleasant manner.

Bank of Herington is recognized as one of the solid institutions of this section of the country. J. W. Creech, President, H. A. Parker, Vice-President and Sidney G. Cooke, Cashier. The capital stock is \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits August 1, 1890, \$9,000. J. W. Creech resides in Herington and has been extensively engaged in railroad building. He graded about 150 miles of the Rock Island railroad, built the Salina branch and all in Dickinson County, built from St. Joe to Horton and also the line in Oklahoma. H. A. Parker resides in Chicago and has been in the railroad business for twenty-five years. He is at present the 3d Vice-President of the Rock Island railroad. Mr. Sidney G. Cooke, the cashier, is from New York and came to Herington in 1886. He is an old soldier, having served in the Union army for three years. Was city treasurer for the years 1888 and 1889. The bank was established in 1886 on the corner of Main and Broadway, where they occupy a two story stone building, 50x80 feet.

The Herington Times was established July 25, 1879, by Mr. A. M. Cray, its present proprietor. It is the only paper in Herington and is the leading Republican in South Dickinson County. The editor of this paper came to Dickinson from Whiteside County, Ill., in July 1871. He first settled on a homestead near where the city of Hope now stands. In 1874 he was elected County Superintendent of schools, and served eight years during which he lived in Abilene, the county seat. In 1886 he organized a company and commenced the publication of *The Hope Dispatch*. There he remained until he came to Herington and began the publication of the *Times*.

SALINA.

IN 1857, a company of progressive and enterprising gentlemen from the Eastern part of Kansas, headed by Col. W. A. Phillips, selected the site of Salina, at the very key and center of the upper valley of the Kansas river. The location had not been selected hastily, but after a thorough search, and finally decided upon on account of the rich valleys that converge at this point. At that time there was not a railroad in the State and the infant city struggled under great disadvantages. Col. Kearney, on his march to Santa Fe during the Mexican war, laid out a military road, and the Government had erected bridges, but during the great floods of August, 1858, these were washed away.

One beautiful summer morning in 1862, a band of Confederate guerrillas on their way from Denver to join the rebel army, pillaged the little village, and about the same time Indian warfare broke out.

When peace and freedom came, the pioneers went actively to work. The cars of the Pacific railroad reached Salina in April, 1867, and the prosperity of the Queen City of Central Kansas began. From that time on there has been a steady and substantial growth. Instead of one road there are four—the Missouri Pacific, the Santa Fe, Rock Island, Union Pacific, and two Union Pacific branches, one running to McPherson and the other up the Saline River.

The very center of the wheat belt, with inexhaustible agricultural resources surrounding it, Salina has become a great shipping point, and its large elevators and mills do an enormous business. In like proportion its other business interests have developed, wholesale and retail houses, manufactories, packing establishments, gas works, electric lights, street railways, book binderies, in fact everything that goes to make a large and prosperous city.

Salina is proud of her schools and colleges. Its five large public school buildings accommodate about one thousand scholars, and its advanced institutions of learning have already acquired more than a State reputation. The Normal University, erected at a cost of \$40,000, attracts scores of students every year; the Kansas Wesleyan, controlled by the Methodist denomination, has exceeded the expectations of

its founders, and the St. John military institute offers special courses that the young men are rapidly taking advantage of. Believing that the prosperity of a city depends upon the intelligence of its people, active and untiring efforts were made to secure these institutions and the result has been that Salina offers better educational advantages than any other city in Kansas. As is to be expected in a city of schools, Salina has many churches, and the local organizations are progressive and prosperous.

There are two dailies published, and the entire number of papers and magazines printed in the city are fifteen.

With a population of 8,000 people, active, progressive and intelligent, situated within eighteen miles of the geographical center of the State, and in the most productive area, Salina has reached a point that knows no backward move and her prospects for the future are most brilliant.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF SALINA.

The H. D. Lee Mercantile Company.—For many years the state of Kansas has been dependent upon the Missouri river towns to supply her retail trade. St. Louis, Kansas



City and St. Joe have grown rich off of the trade of Kansas. This was all right and natural when the river was the only highway of commerce, but now that the state is intersected with railroads, the almost exclusive car-

riers of commerce, it is all wrong and unnatural. The time has come that Kansas looks to her own institutions and patronizes her own industries. One of the largest wholesale houses in the west, established to meet this demand, is the H. D. Lee Mercantile Co., of Salina. Mr. Lee became interested in this enterprise largely through the influence of his friend Mr. Doyd, the present buyer of the concern, who was then a resident of Salina and well acquainted with the demands of this section of country. He had no sooner became interested in the scheme, and examined the conditions and surroundings than he saw with remarkable business sagacity that has characterized him in all his immense and successful business ventures that here was an immense field for action, and a territory that naturally should be tributary to wholesale houses in this locality. He saw with equal clearness that he would necessarily come in contact with the opposition of the river towns, but Mr. Lee organized this company, built the mammoth building on the corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Elm Street, and filled it with a stock second to none in the west. The house has done in the first year from three-quarters of a million to a million dollars of business, and the company are satisfied with the success so far achieved and pleased with the prospects for the future. The building is an immense brick structure 50x120 and five stories, fitted out with all modern appliances, elevators, etc. The business gives employment to almost thirty-five men and requires the services of eight traveling salesmen, and although the capital stock is only \$100,000 paid up, the Company really have invested from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Mr. H. D. Lee, the president of the company came to Salina from Galion, Ohio, where he was connected with a number of large enterprises. He was president and one of the principal owners of the Central Oil Co., of Galion, Ohio, in opposition to the Standard Oil Co., for five years. He has the benefit of good training in methods of meeting competition—and as he succeeded in his competition with them—selling to them and joining with them at his own time and at his own figures, he does not entirely despair in making a fight for trade with the Missouri River towns here. Mr. Cowden and Mr. Hughes, the secretary and treasurer of the company have been associated with Mr. Lee for a great many years. Mr. Cowden was for a long period private secretary and general manager. Mr. Hughes was formerly from Lima, Ohio. He was also connected with the Standard Oil Co. and was regarded as a splendid salesman. He was at one time general freight agent of the D. & M. railroad. This sketch would not be complete without mentioning the fact that this firm have one of the best salesmen in the state of Kansas, Mr. Joseph F. Roebuck, who is as well known in Kansas as the sun-flower and carries a countenance about as radiant when he wants to "get there" with a big sale.

Hamilton Investment Co. (Incorporated), Capital, \$100,000. — When enumerating the

many large enterprises of Salina, the citizen always points with pride to the Hamilton Investment Co. This company is one of the most extensive, not only in Salina, but in the entire West. Incorporated about five years ago, with a capital of \$100,000, it has extended its business until it reaches out into Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas, and has placed on good security above half a million dollars annually. So conservative have been its dealings that out of about \$2,000,000 in loans there is overdue less than \$5,000 interest, and that entirely secure. The president of this company, Mr. F. M. Hamilton, was born and raised in Ohio, but has resided in Salina for the last nineteen years. He was formerly principal of the city schools at Salina. However he has been in business for the last fifteen years, and is recognized as one of the ablest financiers in the West; untiring in his attention to the business of the concern, courteous and gentlemanly in his relations with everybody, he is indeed the right man in the right place. Mr. C. C. Camp, secretary, is also an old citizen of Salina, having been here for twenty years. He has been with the company from its inception. He has the reputation of being one of the most conservative examiners in this section and to his careful inspection is largely due the remarkable record of this company in making only absolutely safe loans. Mr. Camp was formerly county clerk, and has also been extensively engaged in the lumber business. Mr. C. Eberhardt, the treasurer, is a native of Germany, but has been in this country since he was five years old. He has been in Salina twenty-five years and has been prominently identified with many large enterprises of this place. He is one of the owners of the immense milling concern here, and one of the solid men of the town. The Hamilton Investment Co. have every facility for conducting their business: an unlimited control of eastern capital and a reputation for fair and honest dealing second to no other company. They occupy the entire south side of the second floor of the beautiful Ober Block, on Santa Fe Avenue, and their offices present a truly metropolitan appearance of business and activity.

First National Bank.—Among the financial establishments in Saline County, the First National Bank of Salina stands pre-eminent. Established in 1881, as the first national bank in Saline County, it has steadily increased its business. It was organized with a capital stock of \$50,000, but increased to \$100,000 in 1885, and again to \$150,000. This being a very extensive wheat market they have the patronage of the large wheat buyers, having such depositors as the Salina Mill and Elevator Co., who did a business last year alone of \$800,000. Mr. John F. Merrill, the president, has been connected with the bank since 1887, and is a gentleman of large experience in fiscal affairs, having formerly been connected with the Bradford National Bank, in the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania, as cashier, for a period of fifteen years. Mr. J. D. Wellington, the cashier, has been a resident of Salina for twenty

years. He was formerly in the post office at this point, and has been with the bank for the last six years. Mr. Briggs, the vice-president, is a member of the hardware house of Briggs & Gebhart. Among the directors of this institution we might call attention to such names as C. Eberhardt, Thomas H. Davis, at present city and county treasurer, F. M. Hamilton, president of the Hamilton Loan and Investment Co., Oscar Seitz and H. D. Lee, the president of the mammoth grocery company which bears his name.

Statement of the First National Bank at the close of business, July 18, 1890 :

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$306,844 31
United States 4 per cent. Bonds.....	37,500 00
Premium.....	7,000 00
Real Estate and Fixtures.....	13,658 77
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	69,328 06
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer..	1,687 50
Cash.....	28,309 03
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LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$150,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	30,000 00
National Bank Notes Outstanding.....	33,750 00
Deposits.....	248,676 76
Undivided Profits.....	1,900 91
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The Grand Central Grocers. 112 S. Santa Fe Avenue.—This store has been established for two years, but has just passed into the hands of the veteran grocerymen of Salina, W. J. Hagler & Son. Mr. Hagler has been a prominent grocer of Salina for ten years. He was born and raised in Illinois, and came from there to this city thirteen years ago. His former place of business was on North Santa Fe Street. The present store is 22x70 feet. Mr. Hagler's old friends are rapidly coming back to him. He is an Odd Fellow, was Councilman in 1885-1886, in the Union Army three years and a member of the G. A. R. He is ably assisted by his son, Mr. C. M. Hagler, a young man of energy and business ability.

R. T. Watson, Queensware.—One of the neatest and most complete stores is the queensware and china store of R. T. Watson, at 125 North Santa Fe Street. Mr. Watson came from Huron County, Ohio, and has been in Salina for twenty-one years. He was formerly in the grocery business for about sixteen years, and is one of Salina's most respected citizens. The present business comprises a stock of about four or five thousand dollars. The store room is 25x75 feet, and contains a complete stock of everything usually kept by a first-class queensware store.

C. B. Kirtland Publishing Co.—The C. B. Kirtland Publishing Co. is the most extensive enterprise of the kind from Topeka to Denver. The magnificent building on 7th, just north of Iron Avenue, is three stories and basement brick, 25x100 feet. It is a steam plant; their boiler is fifteen horse power; they use a two revolution Potter cylinder; a Garden City paper cutter (there is only one other in the State.) They employ from twenty to thirty people, and the volume of business done is \$25,000 annually. They employ only the best skill in the different departments, and the

work turned out can compete with the best done in the East. Central and Western Kansas is the principal field for their operations, but do more or less work for Missouri, Texas, Washington and Indian Territory. Mr. C. B. Kirtland was born and raised in Wyandotte County, Ohio. He has been in the printing business since he was eleven years old. Since 1879 he has resided in Salina. Few men are better known, and none more highly esteemed in the State. He is a Pythian, a member of the Red Men and at present one of the city fathers. Mr. R. H. Markland was born and raised in Hamilton County, Ohio, came west in the Fall of '58, and has been in Kansas for thirteen years, all the time in Salina. He has been engaged in general merchandise up to one year ago. He was in the Union Army three years and six months; is a Past Commander of Jno. A. Logan Post 127, G. A. R., and has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since he was twenty-one years of age.

E. W. Ober, Dealer in Everything.—In every town there are always one or more men who stand out in bold relief, whose energy and enterprise build up and sustain the institutions of their city: men of brains, men of capital, men of nerve, who push aside the conservatism of old fogyism and spend their money, time and ability in the competition of cities as well as the competition of individual business. Such a man is Mr. E. W. Ober. For twenty-two years he has been identified with the interests of Salina, and no man has done more for its welfare. Mr. Ober was born on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. He went to Boston in 1866, where he was engaged in the dry goods trade. He was afterwards in the hardware business in Ohio and in 1869 settled in Salina. Eighteen years ago he started business at the corner of Santa Fe and Iron Ave., where he still conducts one of his mammoth enterprises. The store is 50x100, brick, two stories and basement: here he carries an immense stock of clothing, boots and shoes on one side, and on the other hats, caps and furnishing goods. His stock would probably invoice thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars, and the annual trade amounts to something like seventy-five thousand dollars. This business employs eight people. In 1887 Mr. Ober erected the Ober Block, a magnificent structure 50x100, three story brick, iron and plate glass front, at a cost of \$43,500. The building is furnished throughout with steam heat, gas, electric light, water, and all modern improvements. It contains twenty-seven splendid offices and presents the finest appearance of any building in the city. In October, 1887, Mr. Ober transferred the dry goods and grocery departments of his business to this block and added new stock, making another enterprise of giant proportions. At this place he employs eleven people and does an annual business of \$125,000. Mr. Ober is a member of the Odd Fellows, Redmen, Knights of the Golden Eagle, was mayor for three years and councilman for eight years. He is at present one-sixth owner and president of the Salina Street Car line, director in the American National Bank, etc.

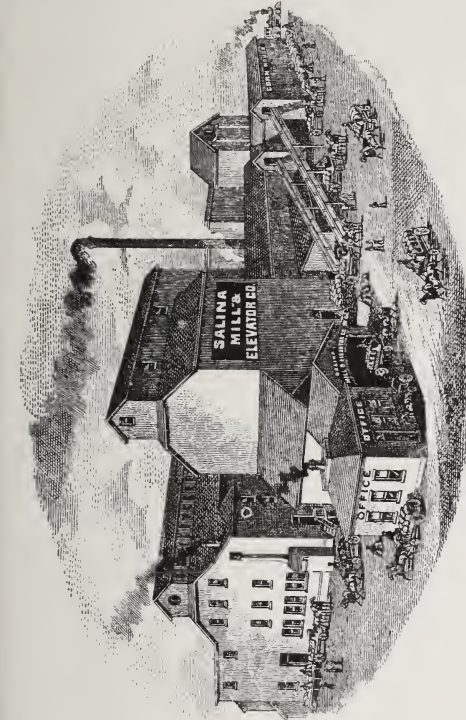
Saline Mill and Elevator Company, Capacity 600 Barrels Flour Daily.—Saline County is the banner county of the State for wheat and the Salina Mill and Elevator Co. is the banner company for handling it. For anyone unacquainted with the resources of Central Kansas it is hard to realize the business

manage the business. He was also interested in the Decatur business but traded his stock for stock in the concern at this place. Born and raised in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, J. B. Shellebarger removed to Decatur, Ill., and for many years followed the line in which he is now engaged. No part of the milling business is unknown to him. He is essentially the right man in the right place. The only other resident stockholder is Mr. Oscar Liter, the head miller. Born and raised in Decatur, he followed milling for ten years. The flour turned out by this mill is unexcelled by any flour on earth. Their market is found in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Arkansas where the names of their different brands The Peacock, Golden Belt, I X L, Peerless and others have become household words.

Cattell & Company, Dry Goods and Notions, 122 North Santa Fe Avenue.—At 122 North Santa Fe Avenue is one of the nicest and most tastefully arranged stores in Salina. Although it has only been established for about a year and a half, this store is one of the most popular in the city. It is 25x80 feet, and the stock would invoice in the neighborhood of \$3,500. Mr. W. J. Cattell was raised in Iowa, but came to Salina from the southern part of the State. Mr. J. G. Cattell was formerly in the same line of business in Lincoln County. Both are able business men and well worthy of the success that has attended their venture in Salina.

Famous Clothing House, Arch Front, 116 N. Santa Fe Avenue.—One of the best known establishments of Salina is the "Famous Clothing House." Jacob Harris & Sons, Proprietors. They also have a store in Kansas City, Kansas. The store at Salina has been established since 1885. The building is 25x105 and two stories high. They carry an average stock of about \$15,000 to \$20,000, and do a nice comfortable business. Mr. S. L. Harris, the local manager of the business, is one of the best clothing men in the State, having been raised in a clothing store. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Pythian and Red Man, and a prominent member of the Merchants' Commercial Club.

Fred Baier, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler; Silverware; Postoffice.—Although the church in modern times has severely denounced "the wearing of gold and costly apparel," the jewelry worn by a person invariably indicates their character. The barbarian decorated his person with the teeth of the animals and the feathers of the fowls upon whose flesh he has subsisted; while the best representatives of modern civilization wear a moderate amount of silver, gold and diamonds tastefully and skilfully wrought, of the most artistic designs, indicative of the progress of the age in the liberal and fine arts, and illustrative of the culture and intelligence of the people and of the age in which they live. Mr. Fred Baier, the jeweler of whom we write this article, was born, raised and learned his trade in Germany. He came to America in 1865, and has been in this city thirteen years. He is a fine workman and an expert in the art. Those



done by this concern. The value of the plant is estimated at about \$200,000 and the volume of business done last year was \$800,000, while this year it will probably reach a million. The mill is a roller mill with a capacity of 600 barrels per day. If the sacks used in one day were laid end to end they would reach a mile. The building is three stories with a "Texas" in height and the size of the mill proper is 68x85 feet. The engine is a "Reynold's Corliss" of 300 horse power and runs with an average pressure of eighty pounds of steam. There are fifteen roller machines, thirteen double and two single; three tubular steam boilers, each sixteen feet long and forty-six inches in diameter. The company have four elevators in the city and in addition have elevators at Bridgeport, Lindsborg, Bavaria, Menter and Culver. The property is owned by D. S. Shellebarger, William Bowers, Samuel Diller of Decatur, Ill., Mrs. John Black of Springfield, Ill., and J. B. Shellebarger and Oscar Liter of Salina. Mr. D. S. Shellebarger, the president, has been for many years in the milling business at Decatur, Ill. He was mayor of the city at one time. He bought out the interest of Frank Goodnow in the mill in 1884 and his brother, Mr. J. B. Shellebarger, at present secretary and treasurer, came on to

wishing the most reliable time-keepers and those desiring any article of jewelry for ornament can rely fully on the taste and skill of Mr. Baier and by purchasing from him, have the satisfaction of knowing they get as good goods as can be found anywhere and at the same time feel that they are patronizing a worthy home institution and building up home enterprise.

J. W. Kraft, Insurance, Real Estate and Loans.—The insurance business is well represented in Salina. Among the prominent agents we desire to mention the name of J. W. Kraft. This gentleman was born and raised in Pennsylvania and has been in Salina twelve years, and for eight years in the real estate, loan and insurance business. Before entering this business he was clerk in the County Register's office and is therefore familiar with the people as well as the title to the lands in Saline County. Mr. Kraft is a graduate of a commercial college and is a fine penman. He is well qualified for his business, and is active, energetic and has many friends. Every one desiring any information about Saline County or has any business in this line, Mr. Kraft will be glad to hear from them.

Wilson & Moore, Attorneys at Law.—Of all professions the law is the most exacting; not only must the votary be read in its intricacies, but he must keep up with the advancement of its growth. The doctor may pass muster by emulating the appearance of the well known nocturnal bird; the holy calling of the ministry even may be imposed upon by wolves in sheeps clothing, provided they are the possessors of a good vocabulary, but unless the lawyer is well grounded in his calling, and possesses withal a goodly amount of "the grey matter at the root of the hair," his cases will very soon be thrown out of court and his practice come to a sudden termination. One of the most important firms in this arduous calling at Salina is that of Wilson & Moore; they have perhaps the largest practice of any firm in this section of the State. Mr. Wilson was born in Ohio and came to Salina in 1874. He received his professional education at Ann Arbor, Michigan, was admitted in 1880, and has followed his profession at Salina ever since. He was at one time City Attorney, and has been for the last five years attorney for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Mr. Moore has been practicing eight years; he came to Salina from Cleveland, Ohio; was at one time clerk of the District Court of this county, and afterwards County Attorney for five years. Mr. Moore takes charge of the criminal practice, and together this firm constitute a very strong team.

M. Jay Brown, M. D.—As a leading exponent of the profession he has chosen, M. Jay Brown, M. D. is worthy of special mention. He was born and reared in Ohio, received his literary training at the Bryan High School and was Graduated from the Hahnemann College, of Chicago, in 1882. He has practiced in Salina for six years, making a specialty of the

eye, ear, throat and nose. Dr. Brown served two terms in the office of coroner, his last term expiring last year. He is president of the state Homeopathic Medical Society and has recently been elected honorary member of the advisory board of the Kansas City Homeopathic College. He is secretary of the board of U. S. pension examiners.

Lovitt & Norris, Attorneys at Law.—The list of legal firms in Salina would not be complete without the mention of Lovitt & Norris. Mr. Lovitt has practiced in this county thirteen years. He came from Illinois. He has been engaged in many hotly contested cases. He has been many years attorney for the American National Bank and Salina Investment Co. No man stands better in his profession or is more highly regarded as a gentleman. Mr. Norris is a man of two years practice in the law. He came from Lebanon, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1888, and in the two years he has been in the practice has well demonstrated that he has legal ability of no mean character. The firm make a specialty of civil and office practice and do a very large business.

John L. Bishop.—The genial and accommodating City Clerk, was born and raised in the County, he knows everybody, and everybody knows him; this is his second term in the office. Mr. Bishop was clerk for the Probate Court for three years prior to his appointment. He is an expert book-keeper and accountant; he is a life-long republican, a member of the K. of P., and has many friends in the city, where he has been born and raised.

Dr. C. W. Stowe, Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Stowe is a nephew of Harriet Beecher Stowe, and as might be expected, long since pushed his way to the front rank, both as a medical and surgical practitioner and as a newspaper writer. He is a graduate of Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, 1856. He served in the Union army four years; he was some time post surgeon at Sutton, West Virginia, and also at the "Bull Pen" on Johnson's Island, while his uncle, Gen. Charles W. Hill, was in command of that place. He was wounded severely at Powell's Mountain, West Virginia, receiving a shot through his lungs from which he has never fully recovered. Dr. Stowe spent several years practicing in Cleveland, Ohio, and at East Saginaw, Michigan, Denver, Colorado, and other places. He has always had a paying practice. He is a native of Chautauqua County, New York, but was educated in Ohio. He is a member of the Masonic order. Dr. Stowe at present holds the highest official position in the west, in the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle. He has practiced in Salina five years, and now, on account of poor health, and having been before the public so many years, he desires to retire to a more quiet and restful life. He is very popular outside of his profession and is universally respected as a genial, generous gentleman, of liberal but strong ideas, a promotor of any and everything tending to the welfare of the human race.

W. F. Musser, Judge of Police Court.—The subject of this sketch was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, graduated at the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and has been a resident of Salina for five years. He was admitted to the bar two years ago, appointed in 1888 to fill out the unexpired term of C. S. Conrad as Judge of the Police Court, and in April of 1889 was himself elected to the office. Knowing no friends or enemies in the administration of impartial justice, he is well liked by all who are acquainted with him.

The Evening News, John H. Padgett, Editor.—Bright, crisp and newsy, the *Salina Evening News* ranks among the foremost of the evening papers of the West. The *News* was established in 1889 as a Republican sheet, but in November of the same year, Mr. John H. Padgett, the present owner, took control of it and changed the political complexion of the paper to independent Democratic. The *News* is a good home newspaper and is doing good work in building up the interests of the city and county. Mr. Padgett is a native of Georgia who came here three years ago and, having been in journalism a number of years, he thoroughly understands his business and has entered into this enterprise with a zealous and enthusiastic determination to make it a complete success. He was formerly manager of the Rome (Ga.) *Courier*. The *News*, under Mr. Padgett's management, is growing and widening its influence and field of usefulness, and is already recognized as one of the leading evening papers of the State.

A. Lindblom, Merchant Tailor.—The Tailor Shop of A. Lindblom is an establishment to meet the demands of the most particular. It is situated on Santa Fe Street, is 25 feet by 80, and contains a full stock of fine fabrics; Mr. Lindblom employs ten journeymen tailors; he is a native of Sweden, came to Salina some twelve years ago and worked at his trade; he established his own business about 1883, and has continued to improve and increase it till he has one of the best shops in the West.

R. E. Nickles, Dentist.—R. E. Nickles is the oldest dentist in the city having been established twenty-one years. Mr. Nickles was born in Ohio, received his literary and professional training in Cleveland and came to Salina when twenty-one years of age. He has built up the best business in his line in this section. He is a 14th degree Mason and at present Master of the Masonic Lodge at this point.

Dr. W. H. Winterbotham.—Among the prominent physicians of Salina is Dr. W. H. Winterbotham. He was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, and raised chiefly in Illinois; graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and also from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago in 1884. He has been in Salina for four years. He is a member of the State Medical Society of Illinois, and of the Golden Belt Medical Society; a Free Mason of the 32d degree, Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine. He is a stockholder in the American National Bank.

Eberhardt & Sudendorf, Lumber, Sash, Doors, Lime, Etc.—Both members of this firm are trained and skilled mechanics. Starting out in 1868 on a small scale they have enjoyed the pleasure of seeing their business gradually but surely grow to what is now a large and profitable concern. They are both stock holders in the Western Star Milling Company, and the firm is sole agent for King's Tinted Paints. Both are natives of Germany, but having adopted this country as their home are in full sympathy with its free institutions. The firm does not confine its business to Salina, but conducts an extensive branch at each of the following places, viz: Lindsborg, McPherson, Assaria, Gypsum City and Marquette.

St. John's School.—This is an ideal school conducted on the military plan for boys and young men, providing a thorough preparation for college or business. Fourth year begins September 9th 1891. This is the only military school for boys and young men in Kansas. It is accessible from all points by numerous lines of railway. Cadets received at the age of twelve years and may enter the preparatory for a year before entering the regular course, which covers in each instance four years of study. The curriculum in classics and sciences prepares to enter the foremost eastern colleges. The school employs seven specialists as professors and is paying more for its faculty than any military school in the west. Three courses of study are offered, viz: English and commercial, scientific, and classical. Modern languages are taught without extra charge. Music is cultivated under the direction of the professor of music. The Faculty—Rector, the Rev. E. P. Chittenden, A. M.; Commandant in charge, Capt. J. K. Spencer, U. S. A.; Head Master, Walter M. Jay, A. M.; Chaplain, the Rev. T. W. Cowgill, A. M. Masters—Walter M. Jay, A. M., English history and literature; Arthur G. Gates, stenography, penmanship, book-keeping and type-writing; Thos. W. Cowgill, A. M., Greek and Latin; W. W. Champlin, A. M., mathematics; H. L. Prescott, English branches; Capt. J. K. Spencer, U. S. A., military science and tactics; Prof. W. H. Packard, Instrumental Music; E. P. Chittenden, A. M., mental science, logic and German; Rowland Hill, chemistry and physics; J. W. Crowley, M. D., Allopathic, J. W. Jenney, M. D., Homoeopathic, physicians in charge; Matron, Mrs. J. Ritter.

Dr. J. M. Hodge, Register U. S. Land Office.—Doctor Hodge has been connected with the government land office twenty years. He was register of the office for twelve years prior to the election of Mr. Cleveland and was re-appointed by Mr. Harrison. He was born in Ohio, took an active part in the late war and is a highly honored member of the G. A. R. Dr. Hodge lives at Abilene and is well known throughout the State of Kansas.

W. P. Quinby, Attorney-at-Law; Office, Room 5, over First National Bank.—A young man of this county whose talents command respect is Hon. W. P. Quinby. Mr. Quinby is a native



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of Memphis, Tenn., but was raised and educated in Georgia and, in 1885, was admitted to the bar in Chicago. He has served two years and a half as deputy county attorney. He is of the sort of young men who by their own energies and power add lustre and strength to the bar of the State.

Dr. William B. Dewees.—One of Salina's successful physicians is Dr. William B. Dewees, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania. He received his literary education at Eastman's College, N. Y., Ursinus College, Pa., and other institutions of learning. He graduated in medicine and surgery at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1877. He formerly practiced at Myerstown, Pa., but came to Salina five years ago. Dr. Dewees is the happy possessor of an elegant home on the corner of Santa Fe and Prescott Avenues, built at a cost of about \$18,000. He is one the originators of the Golden Belt District Medical Society of Kansas, and is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Medicine. He belongs, too, to the American Association for the Study and Cure of Inebriates. Dr. Dewees is the physician for St. John's Military school, and is a contributor to the columns of the leading journals, among which are the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Medical and Surgical Reporter of Pennsylvania, the Medical Bulletin of Pennsylvania, and the St. Joe and Kansas City medical journals.

A. M. Campbell, Register of Deeds, came to Kansas in 1858 and helped to lay out the townsite of Salina. Born in Scotland he crossed the ocean when thirteen years old. He was Salina's first post master and continued in that office till Cleveland's administration. He was elected register in the fall of '87 and re-elected in '89.

C. W. Banks, Receiver U. S. Land Office.—The receiver at the U. S. land office at Salina is the Hon. C. W. Banks, a native of New York State. He has been in the practice of law in Salina for seventeen years prior to his appointment by President Harrison last November; has always taken an active part in public affairs; was mayor of the city for 1887-8, and has several times been elected to the city council. He fills his responsible position with dignity and makes friends among all well meaning men.

The Salina Water Works Company.—The water in Salina is obtained from an immense well, and applied by fifty-four drivers and four strained wells of the Wagner system; it is constructed near the river, and the system of direct pressure used in distributing. It has been demonstrated that the power is amply sufficient to meet the largest demand of the fire department, and the service to individuals is highly satisfactory. The manager, Mr. J. H. Decker, was for nine years secretary of the National Water Works Association, and last year its president. Mr. Decker was born in Alleghany City, 1845; graduated from Eastern University at Hagerstown, Md., in 1861;

enlisted in Co. I of old 13th Pennsylvania Volunteers at beginning of the war; was at battle of Fair Oaks, Williamsburg, White Oak Swamp and many others. He was severely wounded, and from 1863 to 1867 served as clerk on a Mississippi River steamboat. He then went to New Brighton, Pennsylvania, where he was foreman of the The M. P. Townson Wire and Rivet Works. He was for a year and a half inspector of Pittsburg Gas Works; has been connected with gas and water works in various cities; was superintendent of Gas Works at Sioux City, Iowa, four years, and also of Hannibal Water and Gas Works. He has been here for two years. Mr. Decker is a K. of P., belongs to the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R.

C. E. Lamkin.—The popular judge of the probate court, C. E. Lamkin, was born in Vermont, and spent the early years of his life in Iowa. He came to Saline County in 1866 and for many years was farming. He was elected judge of the probate court in 1888. Judge Lamkin is one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Saline County. A plain, unassuming man. He has a fund of good every-day sense and a practical experience in the affairs of life.

Fred H. Quincy, Sheriff.—Mr. Quincy is one of the best known and most popular young men in central Kansas. He was born in Wisconsin and raised in Saline County, and the people who have entrusted him with one of the most important offices of the county have known him from boyhood up and know what kind of stuff he is made of. Quiet and gentlemanly in his demeanor, he is fearless in the discharge of his duties, and no man is more respected either as a citizen or an officer.

C. J. Fredrickson, Clerk of District Court.—As an illustration of the continued popularity of a faithful public servant we take pleasure in mentioning the case of Mr. C. J. Fredrickson. He is now in his third term and sixth year as clerk of the district court. Mr. Fredrickson is a native of Sweden and has been in America twenty-two years. He was nine years school teaching. Since writing the above, Mr. C. J. Fredrickson owing to ill health, has resigned his position and accepted a similar position in Canon City, Colorado, and Mr. Anton A. Frederickson, a brother to C. J., and for four years deputy clerk under his brother, was appointed to fill the unexpired term by Judge R. F. Thompson, which appointment is eminently satisfactory to the people of the county.

Charles J. Peck, Real Estate and Insurance.—Has been a resident of Salina for nine years, and in the real estate and insurance business for the last four. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, is yet quite a young man, but knows the meaning of the Kansas word "hustle." Among the companies he represents are the Franklin of Philadelphia, the Guardian of London and Rockford of Illinois. He does a general real estate business and devotes a good deal of attention to renting and conveyancing.

Salina Normal University.—This institution was chartered in 1884 and the school opened the first of September of that year. The objects of the school were to furnish a practical education at a reasonable cost; to bring within the reach of every boy and girl a foundation for the learned professions or a finished education in any line. The departments at present sustained are Collegiate (including the Scientific and Classic courses), Professional, Normal, Preparatory, Commercial, Musical, Fine Art, Short-Hand and Type-Writing. Under its charter the usual degrees are granted, and already a number have passed

to be done. The enrollment the past year was over 400 students. The rapid growth of the school and its present prosperous condition is a matter of pride not only to Salina but to the State.

U. S. and Pacific Express Office, J. M. Drum, Agent.—These two companies are known to everybody. Their gentlemanly agent, J. M. Drum, has been sixteen years in the express business. Mr. Drum was born in West Newton, Pennsylvania; went to Bloomington, Illinois, when eleven years old. He was with the U. S. Express Co. at Bloomington



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through the courses, received their degrees and are engaged in various occupations with honor and credit both to themselves and the school. Special work is being done in the Normal Department and teachers from all parts of the country are attracted to the school on this account. As the school year is forty-eight weeks teachers or students in other schools find this a good place to spend their vacations. The building is a beautiful brick structure, three stories and basement, 105 feet by 70, with two wings, each 65 feet and contains seventy-four rooms besides various halls, closets, verandas, etc. It is situated at the head of Iron Avenue, fronting east, in the center of a campus of ten acres; trees and lawns adorn the grounds. The property is free from debt, something of which but few schools of Kansas or the West can boast. President L. O. Thorman has the business management of the school, and we are told that the great success it has had and is having, even through hard years, is due to his superior business tact and acumen. Realizing that the school must stand upon its merits he has selected only such teachers as are especially fitted for the work

ton eight years, was cashier at Kansas City depot for six months during 1883, and before coming to Salina was express messenger for the Pacific Express Co. between Kansas City and Denver. He served three years in the Union army, Company B, 88th Illinois Infantry, and was a prisoner at Andersonville for seventeen months, being captured at Chickamauga, where his company lost fifty per cent. of their members in fifteen minutes; also in Sheridan's division at Stone river, where thirty-three per cent. of the whole division was lost; also the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. He belongs to the K. of G. E., R. M., G. A. R., and U. V. L.

Rutledge Bros., Planing mill.—This enterprise was started in 1887, when the three brothers, J. E. Rutledge, W. A. Rutledge and C. G. Rutledge, built their large mill at its present site, just north of the Missouri Pacific railroad track. The building is 40x60 and two stories high, besides lumber sheds and boiler rooms. The factory gives employment to thirty men. These gentlemen have gone on the theory that to do good work they must have the best of appliances, and have spared no

expense to fit out their mill with the best and most improved machinery. Their field of business is found in the great scope of country west of Salina, in western Kansas and Colorado, although they do more or less business with the section east of Salina and in the State of Nebraska. While there is not a more complete sash and door outfit in the West, they make a specialty of bank and office fixtures. These gentlemen came originally from Michigan, but more recently from Atchison, Kansas. They have been engaged in the same business for fifteen years, all of them being practical workmen themselves. By always sending out first-class work, by fair and liberal dealing, they have built up a trade that fully justifies their highest expectations and makes them well pleased with the present outlook.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Ben Pearl, Manager.—Ben Pearl has been connected with telegraphy for sixteen years. He was born and raised near Elizabethtown, Ky. He has been at different times in dispatcher's office at Wellington and Kiowa, superintendent of telegraph office at Palestine, Texas, in dispatcher's office at San Antonio, and in short, pretty near everywhere. Mr. Pearl was also a soldier in the Mexican and Central American war in 1885 and gives some graphic descriptions of his experiences in that campaign. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Shute & Haskell, Dealers in Fresh and Salt Meats, 107 North Santa Fe Avenue.—The meat market, kept by Shute & Haskell at 107 North Santa Fe Avenue is the oldest in the city. It was started fifteen years ago by Mr. Shute, and Mr. Haskell has been associated with him for seven years. The building is 25x75 feet, and a better appointed shop is not in the West. They furnish all the hotels and in addition buy and sell cattle. Mr. Shute comes from the State of Ohio where he was in the same business. He was at one time a member of the Salina city council. Mr. Haskell has been in Salina nine years. He was formerly in the lumber business in Maine and has been handling cattle since he came here. No gentleman in this section is a better judge of cattle, and no shop keeps a better line of meat than Shute & Haskell's. The firm also have in this year 700 acres of wheat and have a herd of over three hundred of cattle, thus securing not only a certain supply of beef, but the profit on raising the cattle.

School of Telegraphy and R. R. Business, W. H. Skelton, Manager.—Three years ago Mr. W. H. Skelton established in Salina a school of telegraphy and railroad business. There may be other schools in the State that teach telegraphy, but there is no other that is devoted exclusively to teaching telegraphy and railroad business. This institution teaches nothing else. Mr. Skelton is a practical operator, with fifteen years experience; was manager of Bryant & Strattons Telegraph Institute at St. Joseph, Mo. His school was opened in the Ober block, but about one and one-half years ago he moved to his present location over 108

North Santa Fe Avenue, where he occupies rooms 3, 4 and 5. Mr. Skelton is a native of Stewartsville, Mo. He is a young man full of push and energy, and keeps competent instructors to assist him.

S. P. Hughes, Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnish, Microbe Killer, Etc., 110 West Iron Avenue.—S. P. Hughes has lived in Kansas since 1867, and for the last fourteen years in Saline County, where he farmed up to 1888. Two years ago he, together with Mr. Brown and Emil Arnen, bought out the drug store of Oscar Seitz. Last year Mr. Hughes disposed of his interest except in the paint, oil and varnish department, which he assumed and moved to his present large store on Iron Avenue. He carries about \$4,000 of paints, oils, glass, varnish, etc. He is also sole agent for the celebrated Wm. Radam's Microbe Killer. Mr. Hughes is a good business man and valued citizen.

C. S. Radcliff, Postmaster.—A deservedly popular gentleman of this city is Mr. C. S. Radcliff. Born in the State of Maryland, he came to Springfield, Illinois, when about fifteen years of age, and there learned the tinner's trade. In 1870 he came to this city and engaged in the hardware business, in which he continued to 1885. About this time he was elected president of the city council, and then mayor of the city for three consecutive terms. He was once elected sheriff. He has also been a real estate dealer. He belongs to the Masons, I. O. O. F., K. P.'s and R. M.

Fred G. Haas, Boots and Shoes.—One of the cosiest little stores in the West is the boot and shoe parlor of Fred G. Haas at 116 South Santa Fe Street. Mr. Haas has been established for three years, and by his courteous treatment of customers has built up a very comfortable business. Mr. Haas was born and raised at Galena, Illinois, where he was connected with a mercantile house for ten years. He is a member of the K. of P. His stock is valued at about \$5,400 and the annual volume of business would amount to about \$15,000.

M. Hedrich, Cigars and Tobacco, 129 Santa Fe Avenue.—Mr. M. Hedrich does a nice little business in cigars and tobacco at 129 Santa Fe Avenue. His factory keeps two cigar makers employed and turns out a first-class article of cigars. Mr. Hedrich has been in Salina seventeen years but has only been established for himself for six years. He came originally from Illinois, where he worked at his trade.

Miss A. Amelia Wysong, Artist, Ober Block.—Miss Wysong studied at the Academy of Fine Art at Philadelphia, and also at the School of Design in Baltimore, and was for five years the pupil and assistant of one of the best artists of Baltimore. Miss Wysong makes a specialty of portrait painting; her work ranking with the best eastern artists. She has been engaged to teach art in the schools here but will continue to keep her class at her studio in the Ober block. Visitors are always welcome.

S. S. Tobey, Exclusive dealer in Boots and Shoes, 111 South Santa Fe Avenue.—Mr. Tobey has been in the boot and shoe business in Salina for three years. He was raised in the State of Maine, but has been in the west since he was a small boy in 1864. He came to Salina from Chicago, where he had been in the hide and leather business, and for two years

here in car-load lots from St. Louis and then distributed through the territory as wanted. Mr. W. I. Allen took charge of the business at this point January 1. He has been with the company for twelve years. Last year he traveled through Kansas for them and for the three years previous was manager of the office at South Bend, Indiana.



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he was there in the manufacturing business. Mr. Tobey's store is 25x65 feet, and full to overflowing with one of finest boot and shoe stocks in the West. He carries from \$9,000 to \$11,000 worth of goods and employs three people in the store. Mr. Tobey belongs to the K. of P's. and to the A. O. U. W., and is generally regarded as one of Salina's most respected and reliable business men.

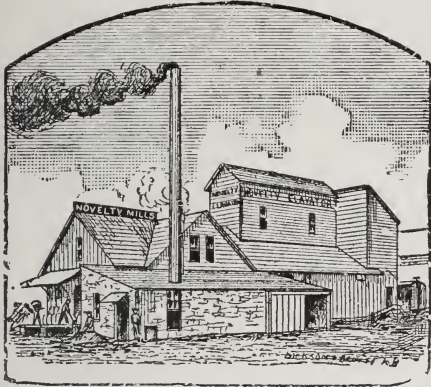
O. Holcomb, Photograph Gallery, 116 North Santa Fe Avenue.—One of the oldest photograph galleries in Salina is that of Mr. O. Holcomb. He has been in the business for fourteen years, was formerly in the Commercial Block, but moved about a year ago to these apartments over the Famous Clothing Store. Mr. Holcomb is a native of Sweden but came to America when twenty-one years of age. He belongs to the I. O. O. F.

The Singer Manufacturing Co., W. I. Allen, Manager.—Of the many sewing machine companies that have branches out in the West none have received such success as the Singer. They sell more machines in Western Kansas than all the others combined. The office here was established as a distributing office January 1st of the present year. It is the distributing point for forty counties in Northwestern Kansas and the fifty or sixty men employed in these counties report to this office. Mr. W. I. Allen, the able manager at this point, estimated they would sell this year 2,500 machines, but now thinks that it may fall a little short of that figure on account of the short corn crop in some sections. The machines are shipped

Charles Bush, Proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel.—The Metropolitan Hotel, situated at the corner of Seventh and Iron Avenue, has been established some eight or ten years. It is a two and a half story brick and contains twenty sleeping rooms. The elegant dining room is 18x50. The present proprietor, Mr. Charles Bush, has been in charge for two years. He is a native of Paris, France, but was chiefly raised in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been in this section since 1874. Was six years superintendent of the county farm, and was for a time engaged in market gardening. Mr. Bush is a member of the uniform rank of K. P., A. O. U. W., John A. Logan Post No. 127, U. V. L., Encampment No. 24, Company B, 4th Reg. Kansas National Guards, and belongs to the society of the G. A. of P. He was in the army three years and ten months, and has been connected with military service in peace and war sixteen years and eight months. He went into the war as drummer and came out as 1st sergeant.

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, William H. Morrison, proprietor, corner Iron Avenue and 5th Street.—Mr. Morrison came to this city about one year ago and at once set out to make a success of the livery business. His stables are 50x100 feet, with ample accommodations for fifty horses. He keeps twelve livery horses and a good supply of vehicles. The stable accommodates twenty-five boarding horses, besides taking care of a big transient custom. Mr. Morrison was born and reared in Illinois, and has been fourteen years in this State.

Edward Lotz, Coal and Ice; Novelty Mills and Elevator.—Mr. Edward Lotz is one of Salina's enterprising and versatile business men. He has enough business on his hands to keep several ordinary business men engaged. He came to Salina to reside permanently in 1867; engaged first in the coal and ice business in 1879, which he has continued ever since. In 1885 he built the Novelty Mills and Elevator which he continues to run, and in addition to all these is manager of the hide and wool busi-



ness of the well known firm of Smith, Biggs & Koch of Kansas City. The Novelty Mill while not one of the large mills of Salina does a good business. Its capacity is fifty barrels per day; the handling capacity of the elevator is 3,000 bushels per day. Mr. Lotz is the only wholesale coal dealer in Salina and does an immense business, the wholesale and retail trade running up to about \$30,000 per year. He handles all kinds of bituminous and anthracite coal, and is western agent for the Kansas and Texas Coal Company. In the hide, wool and tallow business Mr. Lotz has almost all the trade, doing a business in this line of about \$15,000 per year.

J. C. Johnson, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, North Santa Fe Avenue, Telephone 27.—This stable, situated right in the heart of the city is one of the leading stables of Salina. It has been established since 1871 but has only been under the present management about one year. The building is 50x85, and will accommodate fifty head of horses. Mr. Johnson is a native of Sweden, but came here from Michigan. He

has been in Salina since 1871 and has been handling stock for the last eighteen years. He gives a good deal of attention to buying and selling horses and is one of the best judges of a horse in this section.

Salina Republican.—The leading paper in Salina and Saline County is the *Salina Daily Republican*, a seven column folio morning daily issued every morning except Monday; it is straight Republican in politics and has a large circulation both in city and county. The *Weekly Republican* is issued every Friday, its size is six column, eight page; and is regarded as the leading paper in central Kansas. There is also connected with the *Republican* a large job office that does an extensive business.

The Western Star Milling Company.—The buildings shown in the above cut are the property of the Western Star Milling Co. One is located at the fine dam near the center of city and the other at another dam on the Smoky, about one mile and a quarter from town. To the veteran miller, Mr. C. R. Underwood, at present Mayor of Salina, is due the credit of establishing what has grown to be a truly great and valuable business enterprise. He first built a small mill a short distance above the present site of the City Mill, but soon finding this inadequate, secured the cooperation of Messrs. Eberhart and Sudendorf, mentioned in another article, and purchased the interest of the Sheldon's in the dam. They erected a building which, with the Smoky Hill Mills, purchased by the company a few years later, supplied the demands of a large territory for a number of years. However, in order to meet the growing demand for their product they found it necessary to rebuild both mills and improve the dams. The City Mill, which is a fine brick structure 50x60 feet, and four stories with basement, has also a Hamilton Corliss engine, 180 horse power, made to special order. The total capacity of the mills is 450 barrels per day, and the annual business amounts to \$300,000. This includes a heavy business in grain as they own an elevator, capacity 35,000 bushels. Mr. Underwood was, for many years before coming to Kansas, a large contractor; he built the Court House at Jacksonville, Illinois. He is a Mason. Mr. Underwood is president; C. Eberhart, vice-president; H. H. Sudendorf, treasurer; and, H. F. Sudendorf, secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS "the city of waters," as its name implies, is beautifully situated on the banks of the Solomon River, near the geographical center of Ottawa County, of which it is the seat of justice. It stands at the crossing of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Union Pacific Railroads, and thus maintains communication with all the cardinal points.

The district immediately around the city is an agricultural and stock raising one, the alluvial deposits along the Solomon Valley rendering the soil very fertile and capable of bearing good crops of grain.

The town was laid out in 1866 and secured the honor of being made the county seat, and held that position notwithstanding the opposi-

tion in 1870 and 1872. It now has a population of 1,400, and contains three hotels, one flouring mill, three elevators, five church buildings, nine different christian denominations, an elegant brick school house, three weekly newspapers, and commodious city hall and court house. The Solomon River furnishes a splendid water power (200 horse). The shipments are grain, stock and flour. The leading business houses are built of red sandstone, found so abundantly in the river valley, and this adds greatly to the general appearance and solidity of the city.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MINNEAPOLIS.

H. McMillan, Wholesale and retail dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Queensware, Glassware, etc. Chief of the lines of trade making up the business interests of every city is that of grocer, and as a consequence much of the best talent is engaged in it. The business obtains a popularity in proportion to the experience and enterprise of the men who conduct it. Leading among Minneapolis grocers, and somewhat unique among them, stands the house of H. McMillan. Mr. McMillan commenced here in 1885 on a comparatively small basis, and to meet the demands of his trade occupies his present location, which is in size 24x100 feet with basement. He requires the assistance of three men. He makes a specialty of seeds, having a warehouse separate for them; send for catalogue of prices which he has issued for the trade. Another specialty is queensware and glassware, of which he carries as fine a line as can be found in central Kansas. Mr. McMillan has obtained a special reputation for carrying the freshest goods. Mr. McMillan was born in Pennsylvania and has been a resident of this city five years. Since coming to this town he has married his wife—the youngest daughter of I. Marley, a pioneer of Kansas, and one of the leading and wealthy citizens of the city. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of P., and none have a higher standing in the business world and social circles than he.

J. E. Ewart & Co., General Merchandise and Country Produce.—J. E. Ewart & Co. are the largest general merchandise dealers in Minneapolis. In many of our larger towns there are generally one or two who by reason of their enterprise, energy and genius in knowing what the people want and in keeping their name prominently before the public, by being original and not copyists in their ideas, are recognized as leaders in their line of trade. In this connection Ewart & Co. carry the palm for

this section of Kansas. J. E. Ewart and J. Elston were here at the time when the city, as it now is, was in prospective. They occupy on the corner of Sheridan and Second streets a store room 20x120 feet, with basement. They require the assistance of five men, the annual sales amounting to over \$60,000. The store presents a lively appearance, reminding one of the busy bee. Mr. Ewart was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and has lived in Kansas since 1876. Mr. Elston is a native of Indiana and has lived here since 1870. He was a soldier during the war. They have the confidence and esteem of all who know them, with more than an average successful prospect for the future.

The Barnes Transfer Company, Successor to Chapins.—The Barnes Transfer Company, the only one of its kind in the city, has been from the first conducted on the soundest principles of promptness, correctness and enterprise. The Transfer Company is one of the substantial institutions of Minneapolis. The management is progressive and energetic in a marked degree. S. L. Barnes the owner and manager is a native of Iowa, has lived in this county fourteen years, and in town since 1884. He runs five wagons. Mr. B. is a member of the K. of P., and stands high in public estimation. Mr. Barnes handles the Pacific Express of this city.

J. W. Thom, Proprietor Commercial Hotel.—The Commercial house is one of the best hotels in the city. Mr. Thom is a native of Virginia. The house is a handsome specimen of architecture, frame, and three stories, fitted throughout with all needed conveniences. It was established by Mr. T. in 1870. The house accommodates seventy-five guests. The dining hall will accommodate fifty guests. The rooms are attractively furnished. Mr. T. possesses that feeling of kindly hospitality which characterizes the people of this state, and is regarded as one of the most solid and substantial citizens of the town.

C. A. Harbaugh, Dealer in Windmills, Pumps and Plumbing Goods.—Among the best mills made are the Aermoter and the Haliday Standard Windmills, two of the most substantial concerns in the United States, their branch house at Minneapolis is under efficient management; C. A. Harbaugh manager has been in the mill and pump business most of his life. He carries besides the mills named above, a large line of pumps and tanks for all purposes, iron pumps, piping and tubular well material; his premises are under the First National Bank, in which he also carries a complete line of plumbers goods, and is prepared for work in the steam heating business, plumbing a specialty. He is a native of Illinois, and is an A. O. U. W., and has been engaged in business in this city for nine years.

MCPHERSON.

MCPHERSON, the judicial seat of the county bearing the same name, is situated in the center of the county at the crossing of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and forms the terminal point of branches of the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads, thus securing all that could be desired in the way of traveling and shipping facilities. It is surrounded by rolling prairie with a fruitful soil specially adapted for agriculture.

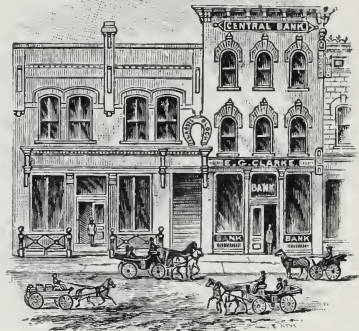
The town was first laid out in 1872, and a postoffice was established the following year. Rapidly increasing in population it was organized in 1874 as a city of the third class under the State laws of Kansas; and now having a population of over 2,000 it ranks as a city of second grade. The city does a large country business in general merchandise, and several elevators and flouring mills are ready for handling the grain. The monetary interests of the place have led to the organization of the McPherson Bank in 1878, the Central Bank of McPherson in 1879, and the Farmers and Merchants Bank in 1882.

McPherson is well supplied with churches representing the various denominations, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Christian and United Brethren. Schools have also been carefully fostered. A frame building was put up in 1875 and a substantial brick building erected in 1882 at a cost of \$12,000. The first newspaper, under the title of the *McPherson Messenger*, changed afterwards to the *Independent*, was published in 1872 as a Republican weekly. In 1878 the *McPherson Freeman* appeared and was followed in the succeeding year by the *McPherson Republican*. The *McPherson Leader* was published in 1880, but was discontinued after a little more than a year's existence. The *Comet* first saw the light in 1881 and was afterwards re-baptized as the *Industrial Liberator* and the *McPherson Independent*. Societies and secret orders are well represented, including G. A. R., K. T., K. of P., K. of H., Free Masons and Odd Fellows. A high class of citizens are located here who are ready and anxious to extend the right hand of fellowship to the stranger that may happen to be within her gates.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF MCPHERSON.

The Central Bank.—Mr. E. G. Clarke established this bank in 1879, when McPherson was

only a few weeks old. Mr. Clarke has had a long experience in the banking business. He came originally from Ashtabula County, Ohio; was connected with the First National Bank in Junction City, Kansas, and from there went to Solomon City, where he followed the same



business until he removed to this place. At present are associated with him Messrs. Arden B., Elon J., Rodney D. and E. Dumont Clarke. The house does a general banking business in chattel mortgages, loans on lands and foreign and domestic exchange. Mr. Clarke has also recently adopted the plan of allowing 4 per cent. on any deposit of one dollar or over, crediting the interest each quarter on the average quarterly balance. This greatly encourages small savings, and is growing in favor rapidly. Its correspondents are the American Exchange National Bank of New York, and the National Bank of Kansas City.

C. M. Bruce, Attorney at Law.—Was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but came here from Greene County, Ohio, where he taught school. He first farmed, but six years ago removed to the city and commenced the study of law with the firm of Simpson, Bowker & Travis, being duly admitted to the bar. In 1887 he was elected a justice of the peace, and is now serving his second term in that office. He is an enthusiastic member of the Odd Fellows and A. O. U. W., and is universally popular.

The McPherson Democrat, Warren Knaus, Editor and Proprietor.—The *Democrat* was established here as a weekly newspaper in October, 1886, by Warren Knaus. It is a neat, 5-column, 8-page paper, with a healthy advertising list. Mr. Knaus is a comparatively young man, who came from Indiana in his youth. He is a graduate of the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, and is known as one of the leading scientists in the State. His speciality is entomology, in which he has acquired a national reputation. He has the finest private collection of beetles in the State, comprising over 2,500 specimens, catalogued, arranged and specified.

McPherson College.—This institution of learning, although only in the third year of its existence, has shown a remarkable growth.



Facilities.—A convenient building 40 feet wide, 100 feet long and four stories high has been completed and is used as a dormitory. It is equipped for both ladies and gentlemen. Each student's room is well lighted, carpeted and furnished with spring bed, mattress, chairs, table, etc. Closets, bath rooms, hot and cold water and steam heat are provided for all students. Well prepared food is in abundance. The main building, 94x117 feet, is sufficiently far advanced to afford ample facilities for recitation purposes.

Object.—The purpose of this institution is to offer a welcome to rich and poor, and to treat them as members of one great family; to make the Bible one of its principal text-books and instil its simple and self-denying principles; to develop a taste for simplicity and economy and an aversion to vain show and extravagance and to develop the mental, moral and physical powers harmoniously.

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College Department.—This comprises a four year's course, similar to that of the State University, classical, Latin-scientific and scientific.

Preparatory Department.—This comprises a three year's course and prepares for the corresponding courses in college.

Normal Department.—Especially for teachers. This department is rapidly growing in favor and in the number of attendants. The complete course requires four years and is the same as that of the State Normal School. Teachers can enter at any time.

Musical.—This department affords superior advantages for the study of both vocal and instrumental music. It is in charge of competent teachers and a thorough training may be

had in piano-forte, organ, voice culture, harmony and chorus drill.

Commercial Department.—The special aim of the Commercial Department is to adopt and develop that which actually occurs in daily business transactions. In the Theory Department, the groundwork of the Commercial and Business course is begun. The study of letter writing, business computation, commercial law and the practice of making business papers, such as promissory notes, checks, drafts, certificates of stocks, etc., constitute the work of the first part of the course.

Actual Business.—After the student has completed the Theoretical course he is promoted to the Actual. He then receives from the college instructor a capital of \$3,000 in college currency. He next makes a deposit of his money in the McPherson College Bank, leaving his signature and obtaining bank book, check book, etc., thereby acquiring a knowledge of beginning business with a bank. He then leases a store, pays rent in advance by check on College Bank. Next he goes to a wholesale merchandise emporium and buys a stock of goods and thus continues his practical work, taking in a partner, changing from single to double entry, and *vice versa*, for practice, until he has completed the work assigned him in our Actual Business Guide. After a thorough drill of this kind of work, he is required to fill in turn each of the offices of the Actual Business Department. If he has sustained a good moral character and is successful in the test, he will receive a diploma.

Penmanship.—Benjamin Franklin said: "I owe my first success in life to a good handwriting." In the regular business course every student is required to write, and become a good business writer and to make perfect figures rapidly. Individual instruction combined with daily blackboard illustrations, enables the student to make rapid progress. Nothing of the "spread eagle style" is tolerated. In the ornamental course, instruction is given in flourishing, old English, German text, and lettering of all kinds, also pen drawing, card writing and engrossing. Learn to write and you will have no trouble in obtaining a good salary.

Stenography.—Here is taught the eclectic system of short-hand. It is unquestionably the most thorough system of stenography devised, requiring less than half the time necessary in other systems.

Type Writing.—The value of the stenographer's service depends not only upon his short-hand, but also upon his speed upon the type writer, his spelling, grammatical construction, etc. Students in this department are taught correct fingering, touch, and the proper care of the machine, also punctuation and spelling.

Bible Course.—This course offers facilities for a systematic study of the Bible and the course is so arranged as to suit all who may wish to study it.

Expenses.—Expenses are very low. Tuition per year \$32.00. Board and furnished room per week \$2.50. For further information address S. Z. Sharp, president, or A. W. Vaniman, secretary, McPherson, Kansas.

Richard Miller, Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds, etc.—Richard Miller has the leading jewelry and watch store in this part of Kansas. He was established in business here in 1878 and enjoys a fine and increasing trade. He came here from Karns City, Pennsylvania, where he was in a similar business. He carries a stock of from seven to ten thousand dollars, which includes all the leading manufactures of watches: Waltham, Elgin, Springfield, Howard, etc. He is a practical jeweler and watchmaker. By the excellence of his stock, his push and business energy, and his courtesy in all his dealings, Mr. Miller has built up a trade amounting to from six to eight thousand dollars annually. Mr. Miller is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

Robert S. Simpson, M. D.—Dr. Simpson has only been a resident of this city for four years past, but stands in the front rank of physicians and surgeons in this place. He graduated from the college of medicine and surgery in the University of Michigan in 1867, and in 1871 took up the practice of his profession in Rosemund, Christian County, Illinois. He continued in practice there fifteen years. Dr. Simpson is surgeon for the Rock Island Railway Co., and is one of the pension examiners for this district.

J. F. Hill, Loans and Insurance.—Mr. J. F. Hill came here from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, nine years ago and soon afterwards established his present business. He represents the American of Philadelphia, the Bowers of New York, Rockford of Illinois, Providence Washington, and Guardian of London. Mr. Hill was for forty years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and holds a superannuated relation with the Erie Conference. He came here on account of failure of health. He was not a soldier, but mainly through his efforts two regiments were raised and sent to the front. He was very active in denouncing treason, and was once mobbed by the Knights of the Golden Circle. He assisted in caring for the wives and children of soldiers who were in the army. Mr. Hill is probably the oldest Master Mason in the city. He lost his wife on the 30th of January, 1890.

The New Merchants, C. D. Pinckney, Prop. All Modern Hotel Improvements; Rates \$2.00 Per Day.—The best patronized hotel in the city is the New Merchants, situated on the corner of Maple and Elizabeth Sts. It was established in 1887, by Benjamin Robinson. Mr. Pinckney took charge of the house a year ago last May, and has greatly improved its importance and its custom. The house is an elegant brick, with fifty-eight sleeping rooms and plenty of accommodation for samples. Mr. Pinckney came originally from Fort Plain, New York. He was for nearly three years at the head of the management of the Union Hotel in this city, and opened the New Morrison at Great Bend, Kansas. His experience has given him a fair test and proved that he is a born hotel manager.

John Richey, Treasurer of McPherson County.—Came here and established his residence in 1871, when this part of the country was just emerging from a state of wildness. He took a farm in the county and has operated it continually and successfully. He was elected county commissioner in 1875 and again in 1885, and in 1876 was triumphantly elected state senator. The prohibition constitutional amendment was the great question during that session, and Mr. Richey was one of the foremost champions for the adoption of that measure, the passage of which was finally secured. The success that has attended the State since the adoption of this law, the lessening of crime and the total wiping out of the liquor traffic, has been the complete vindication of the soundness of the views held by Senator Richey and his fellow-workers. Last year, on the death of the then incumbent, Mr. Richey was chosen to fill the position of treasurer. Mr. Richey was a member of the Eighty-third Illinois Infantry; the first lieutenant of his company was H. M. Robb of Aledo, father of A. G. Robb, the present register of deeds for this county.

Sellers & Wright, Hardware.—The firm of Sellers & Wright was established in 1885; the store is located at 116 Main Street, the firm carrying a stock of hardware, tinware and stoves, footing up \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr. A. Sellers came here from Alma, Wabaunsee County, where he published for seventeen years the *Wabaunsee County News*. He first entered the State in 1867, coming from Douglas County, Ill., to Pottawatomie County. He is one of the few successful newspaper men, for when he retired from that business, it was with a pocketful of money to use in his present business. Mr. Wright came to Kansas twenty years ago, and was formerly in the Insurance business. Mr. Sellers was a member of the legislature of 1873 and was re-elected by a rousing majority in 1874. He was a member of the school board nearly all of the time in which he lived in Wabaunsee County, and for two terms served as a regent of the State Normal School.

H. E. Pyle, Restaurant, Bakery and Confectionery.—H. E. Pyle came here in 1869, before the town of McPherson was ever thought of, leaving his home in Liberty, Ind., when a mere boy. He commenced life here as cow-boy; he then became a farmer till 1882, when he was elected clerk of the District Court, and was twice re-elected, continuing in the office until January, 1889. He was admitted to the bar in 1888. Last July he bought out E. B. McDonald in his present business. He is deputy clerk of the court, and officiates in that capacity when work overcrows the clerk. Mr. Pyle carries a large stock and has a neat, inviting restaurant. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow; is a Shriner and a Knight Templar in the first order, and has been through the whole list in the second, being at the present time Grand Senior Warden of the State Encampment and member of the Topeka Patriarchs Militant, Canton No. 3.

John D. Milliken, Attorney at Law.—One of the most successful counselors at law in McPherson is Mr. John D. Milliken, whose office is over Wheeler's hardware store, corner of Main and Kansas Avenue. Mr. Milliken came here in 1879 from Sharpsville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and established a real estate agency. He was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has devoted himself so closely to his profession that he now enjoys a handsome income of over five thousand dollars per annum, and has accumulated a nice property. Mr. Milliken has conducted the defense in four murder cases, in two of them securing acquittal. One of these—the Lensenmayer case, recently closed—was one of the most noted murder trials in this county, and Mr. Milliken added greatly to his reputation as a criminal lawyer by his superior skill in conducting the defense to a successful issue. He owns the Merchants Block, a fine farm and other property. He is a leading Mason and otherwise prominent in local affairs.

The Metropolitan Hotel, Mrs. J. K. White, Proprietor; Corner Main and Skancke Sts.—The Metropolitan is the best \$1.00 a day house in Central Kansas. It is a large three-story brick building, and contains thirty-five sleeping rooms, sample, dining rooms and parlors. It was built by J. F. McGowan in 1886, and is now owned by Nathan Crepo. For the last year it has been under the management of Mrs. J. K. White, who has had long experience here and elsewhere in hotels. For three years prior to taking charge of the Metropolitan, she ran the Park and the McPherson hotels. She came here from Mount Ayr, Ringgold County, Iowa, where she was in hotel business over nine years, and where her husband still manages a house. This house in many respects is on a par with houses charging \$2.00 per day. It is newly furnished, has free bath rooms, and is especially recommended to the traveling public.

M. F. Olson, Dry Goods and Millinery.—Mr. Olson's store at No. 219 Main Street is known as "The Fair," and under that popular denomination, is recognized by the people of the country far and near, as a leading house in this line of trade. It was established in 1883, by Mr. Olson, who had just come from Salina where he had been employed as clerk in a similar line of business. He carries a stock of about \$8,000, including dry goods, notions, millinery, and ladies' furnishing goods. Mr. Olson has built up a large and rapidly increasing trade. Prior to his location in St. Louis he was a resident of Woodhull and Galesburg, Illinois, and came from Sweden when a boy. While in business in Woodhull seventeen years ago, he was one of the leading citizens there and for a time served as a member of the city council. Mr. Olson is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and interests himself generally in passing events of a public character.

A. G. Sohlberg & Co., General Merchandise.—The above named firm occupy an elegant double store in capital block, one room being 100 and the other 80 feet in depth, with a total

width of 50 feet. A. G. Sohlberg established the grocery department of the store in 1883, having come here from Minneapolis where he had been in a similar line of trade. He came from Sweden about thirty-five years ago. Mr. H. A. Lindberg is his partner. Early in the present year dry goods and clothing, boots and shoes and hats and caps were added to the original stock. E. Leksell became a partner in April of this year, having previously been in business with Mr. S. M. Faline, in Salina. Mr. Leksell is from Boone, Iowa, and was for years interested in business in Salina, and Marquette with Mr. Faline. They carry a stock of \$15,000 or \$16,000.

The Daily and Weekly Republican, S. G. Mead, Proprietor.—The *Weekly Republican* was established eighteen years ago, when the city was in its infancy and as the town grew so did the *Republican* flourish. Four years ago the demands of the town made it advisable to publish a daily; being the only one published on the Marion and McPherson branch of the Santa Fe. The circulation of the daily amounts to about 500, and of the weekly from 1,200 to 1,500. The advertising columns are well filled, and the job printing office connected with the enterprise has a good run of work. Mr. Mead was originally from Connecticut, but came here from Greenwood County in this state, just prior to the time he established the *Republican*. He is a forcible and ready writer, and both daily and weekly have a splendid reputation and influence among the newspapers of the state.

Engborg, Larson & Co., Prescription Drug-gists.—This thriving business was established in 1887. The firm is in the same business in Assaria to which Mr. Larson gives his personal attention. Mr. Engborg manages the McPherson establishment, and the third member of the firm is Mr. Frank Johnson, a wealthy and prosperous farmer residing near Salina. The stock in the McPherson store amounts to \$3,000. Mr. Engborg came from Sweden about 8 years ago and lived at Salina for a time. He is a practical pharmacist, a careful and enterprising business man.

R. Bomberger, Meat Market.—The new meat market of Mr. R. Bomberger, which has only been in operation a few months, has gained a large number of regular customers. Everything is new, and Mr. Bomberger has made a specialty of selling only the choicest meats; killing none but the best cattle, hogs and sheep. He was a farmer for years and had been in the butcher business for nearly four years prior to opening his present market. He came from Franklin County, southeastern Pennsylvania, but so long ago that he has now become a thorough Kansan.

G. L. McCourt, Manufacturer and Dealer in Saddles, Harness, Collars, Bridles, Etc.; Brick Block, West side of Main Street.—Mr. McCourt has been established in business sixteen years and his name is the oldest in business, save one, in the city. He carries \$12,000 to \$15,000,

in saddles, harness, collars, bridles, etc. He came to Kansas from Missouri and located first in Junction City, removing to this place in 1874. He was born in Baltimore. He has always been prominent in public affairs; and has been a member of the city council eleven years. For two years also he was mayor of the city. Mr. McCourt is very popular with the people, is master of a Masonic Lodge and a prominent Odd Fellow, and is generally esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends.

O. Hannberg, Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles, Etc.—Mr. Hannberg has his store in connection with the Palace drug store, and carries a stock of \$3,000. He gives especial attention to repairing, warranting all his work. Mr. Hannberg has successfully operated business here for the last five years. Four years before that time he located in Linsborg in this county. He served the people as township treasurer, city treasurer and member of the city council. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, A. O. U. W., and Select Knights.

The Weekly Freeman, H. B. Kelly, Proprietor.—The *Freeman* is the pioneer newspaper of McPherson County. It was established in 1878, soon after the town began its existence, and has been a power in this section of the country ever since its existence began. Mr. Kelly came to Kansas from Burlington, Iowa, in 1872. During the war he served his country with gallantry in the 1st Iowa Cavalry, one company of which regiment was made up in Burlington and vicinity. He settled in Chatauqua County, Kansas, where he was engaged in the newspaper business and came here as above stated. From September, 1887, to November, 1888, a daily issue was published by Mr. Kelly, but was merged in the weekly at the last mentioned date. Mr. Kelly has always been prominent in the councils of the Repub-

lican party in this section, and is now serving his second term as State Senator. So ably did he fulfill the duties of his office during the first term of four years, that an appreciative people renominated and re-elected him to the office. In his legislative capacity he is known for his honesty and probity, a foe to extravagance and corruption under any name. The *Freeman* under his management wields a great influence with the masses in this section, where it reaches 1,200 subscribers, and where it is a popular visitor. The outlook for the future of the *Freeman* and its able editor is very flattering.

H. Parker, Grain Dealer.—Mr. Parker is the leading grain dealer in this section of the country. He is a gentleman of large means and unlimited credit. He has shipped at times cargoes direct to Liverpool, England. A specialty of Mr. Parker's trade, is supplying millers with choice wheat. This he does with wonderful promptness, considering the extent of territory covered by his trade in this specialty. Mr. Parker came from Chicago to this point about eleven years ago. He was a prominent operator on the board of trade there and has followed the business in some one of its lines nearly all his life. He owns some good property here.

Frank O. Johnson, Attorney at Law.—Has been established in his profession about four years, the firm being originally Cunningham & Johnson, but Mr. Cunningham removed to Oklahoma last spring. Mr. Johnson came from Orion, Henry County, Illinois, six years ago, where he was raised and educated although he passed some time in advanced schools in Rock Island and Davenport. He read law at Orion and was admitted to the bar soon after arriving at this place. In 1887 he was elected Police Judge and re-elected in 1889. Mr. Johnson is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and other benevolent societies.

LINDSBORG.

LINDSBORG is a Swedish city in the northern part of McPherson County, twenty miles south of Salina, and on the banks of the Smoky Hill River, which is here available for water power. It is situated at the junction of the Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific railroads and is thus connected with surrounding points in all directions. In 1868 the town was located by the Chicago Swedish Company, the first house was built in 1869 and the first store and post office on the present site was erected in 1870. Lindsborg was incorporated as a city in 1879, and has quietly but steadily grown in prosperity till the present time, when its population numbers 1,000. It has various Lutheran and Methodist church organizations, good

school accommodations, grain elevators, foundry and machine works, a republican weekly newspaper—The *Lindsborg News*,—a first class hotel, and two banks—the First National Bank, and the Farmer's State Bank, both organized in 1886. The most imposing building in the city is Bethany College which was organized in 1881 and in 1885 was placed under the control of the Kansas Conference; it is a magnificent educational establishment of which Lindsborg may well be proud; the attendance during 1889 was 306. The social, literary, and educational advantages of Lindsborg, render it peculiarly desirable as a place of residence.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LINDSBORG.

First National Bank.—Established as a State Bank in 1882, this bank was reorganized as a National in 1886. The policy has been to do a strictly legitimate banking business. The president is Mr. B. F. Duncan, who came to Oregon, Mo., in 1855; when the war broke out he went into the Missouri cavalry and remained until disabled, and was honorably discharged. He came to Lindsborg in 1872, engaged in farming and stock business till 1885. He has been president of the bank since 1884. He is a member of the firm of Lincoln & Duncan, lumber dealers and proprietors of the Lindsborg Foundry and Machine Shop. Mr. Duncan is one of the solid men of the town, and always for its interests and the interests of his fellow citizens. J. W. Bean, vice-president, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Duncan, a farmer and cattle dealer. Mr. John A. Swenson is the founder of the bank. He is at present the cashier and active manager. He was born in Sweden; came to America in 1865, and to Lindsborg in 1869, when there was but one house between this and Salina. He engaged in hardware up to 1880, when he made a tour of Europe; returning he organized the bank in 1882. The following is their report at the close of business July 18, 1890:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 83,730 02
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500 00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	26,090 77
Current Expenses and Taxes paid.....	58 25
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	6 11
Specie.....	10,670 75
Legal tender notes.....	1,300 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....	562 50
Total.....	\$134,998 40

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	30,000 00
Undivided profits.....	1,203 85
National Bank notes outstanding.....	11,250 00
Individual deposits subject to checks.....	\$ 22,555 10
Demand Certificates of deposit.....	19,983 45
Total.....	\$134,998 40

N. T. Olson & Co., Elevator.—One of Lindsborgs most substantial business men is Mr. N. T. Olson of N. T. Olson & Co. They own a large elevator, which was built five years ago, and has a daily capacity of 2,000 bushels. Mr. N. T. Olson was born in Sweden, but has been in Lindsborg since he was a boy, and is one of the old timers. He has been in the farming and stock business many years, and is still in the stock business. Although quite a wealthy man, he takes none the less interest in his town, and is thoroughly identified with any movement in its behalf. He is at present enjoying an extended pleasure trip through Europe. Mr. Olson is a member of the city council and is one of the pillars giving tone to the building up of McPherson County.

Bengston, Swenson & Co., Hardware and Agricultural Implements.—In December 1888 Bengston, Swenson & Company succeeded Oscar Johnson in the hardware business at corner Main and Lincoln Streets. The handsome store room is 25x110. They carry hardware, agricultural implements, stoves, tinware and furnishing goods. Mr. Bengston was born

and raised in Illinois but has been here since 1886. He was connected with store before the present firm bought out Mr. Oscar Johnson, and has many friend and acquaintances in this section. J. W. and Luther Swenson are brothers and were raised in Illinois, near the home of their partner Mr. John Swenson, just come from Illinois last March, where he was manager of the Swedish Orphans Home of Henry County. Mr. Luther Swenson has been here for eleven years, being engaged part of the time in teaching school and part in clerking. They are all comparatively young men and together form a strong team.

Oscar Anderson, Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.

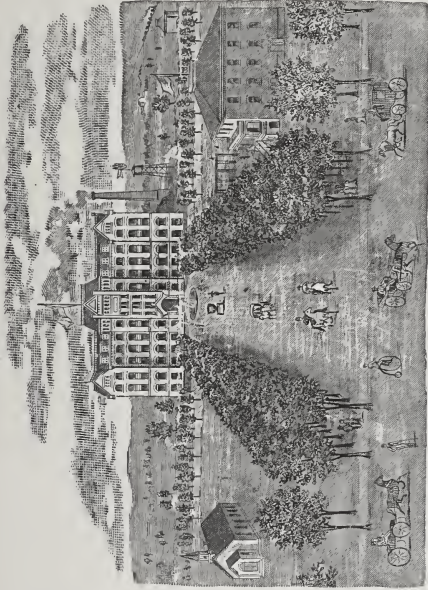
—Last March Oscar Anderson opened up his neat little boot and shoe store on North Main street, and while his stock is not as large as some, his customers can always find what they want. Mr. Anderson came to this country from Sweden, when only one and a half years old. He graduated from the business department of Bethany College at this place last year, and no young man stands better in the community. We wish him all success in his new enterprise.

The Lindsborg News, A. Ringwald, Editor.

—The Lindsborg News is a news paper, bright and newsy, enterprising in its news department and its editorials sensible. An eight column folio, Republican in politics and published weekly. It is the only paper published in Lindsborg. The paper was established by its present editor in 1881; he was sole owner and proprietor up to January, 1886, when he sold to S. N. Hill who in July, 1887, sold to a stock company, of which Mr. C. A. Swenson is president, and resumed charge of the paper as lessee. Mr. Ringwald has had quite a varied experience; born in Buffalo, New York, in 1856, he removed to Dubuque, Iowa, with his parents while quite a boy, and came to Kansas when only ten years; for eight years of his life he followed the Texas cattle trade; and for five years was engaged in farming. He began his newspaper career as manager of the Lindsborg Localist a paper that formerly flourished at this place. When the "Local" expired he started the Lindsborg News. Mr. Ringwald is essentially a self made man. He was elected mayor of the town at the last election by a handsome majority, and no man stands better as a gentleman and influential citizen.

The Lindsborg Hotel, C. J. Claussen, Proprietor.—The first building that catches the traveler's eye on nearing Lindsborg is Bethany College; the second is the above excellent and only hotel. It was built by a company in 1887. Mr. C. J. Claussen, better known as "Pop" Claussen opened the hotel on its completion. It is a fine three story brick building, with commodious office, dining room, sample rooms, baths and parlors, fifteen large, airy rooms on the second floor and eighteen more on the third floor. "Pop" is a veteran hotel man, having been in it twenty-two years in Philadelphia, and afterward at Wilson, Kansas, for eleven years, making in all thirty-five years.

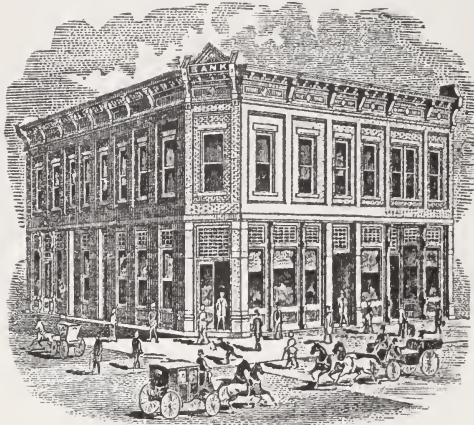
Bethany College.—Bethany College was founded under the auspices of the Swedish Lutheran Church. It was organized by Rev. C. A. Swensson in 1881 with Prof. J. A. Udden as teacher, and an attendance of about thirty students. The following year the Smoky Valley District of the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod took charge of the insti-



tution, and appointed a board of directors. A building was erected in 1883, which at present is the young ladies' dormitory. In the spring of 1885 the institution passed into the hands of the Kansas Conference. On account of the increased attendance in 1885 and 1886 the main building was erected. The main building is 154 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 85 feet high, containing basement and five stories. The Chapel extension in the rear is 108 feet wide. The basement contains the museum and the Natural Science Department, three commodious recitation rooms, an elegant dining hall (56x65) accommodating 300 persons, kitchen, bakery and janitor's rooms. The first story contains six more recitation rooms, the commercial exchange (50x65, undoubtedly the finest class room in the west), the library and the president's office. The chapel extends through the second and third stories. It is 50x65x30 feet to the ceiling, with a seating capacity of 850. It is furnished with first-class opera chairs. All the windows are elegant memorial windows. A pipe organ costing \$3,000.00 has been built. The four upper stories are set apart chiefly for student rooms, of which there are 103. Each and every room has a separate wardrobe. The building has three independent systems of stairs. A system of steam heating apparatus, fully adequate to heat the building in the coldest weather, has been put in at an expense of over \$5,000.00. The ladies' dormitory is a two story brick

structure, accommodating about fifty boarders. It is heated by steam. The occupants of this building are under the constant supervision of a lady principal. The building seen to the left in the cut is the gymnasium. All students are requested to take some form of regular daily exercise here under the direction of an instructor. Our students enjoy all the conveniences generally found in larger cities. A complete system of water works and underground sewers has lately been finished. For a water supply two large tanks are placed on the roof of the building. With the two pipes, one in each wing, and the hose which is always kept ready, the building can be flooded at a moment's notice. Two sinks in each hall are connected with the sewer. A system of electric bells call the classes. The college is connected by telephone with the president's residence, the ladies' dormitory and a book store in the city. Good sidewalks connect all the buildings and extend down town. A special carrier delivers all mail to the students twice a day. The institution has two stipendiums. The first is the Emma C. Johnson stipendium of \$1,500, founded by the Hon. Jno. A. Johnson in memory of his wife. The interest is annually used in assisting needy and worthy lady students, and applications for aid should be sent directly to the Hon. Jno. A. Johnson, Randolph, Kansas. The second one is the Maria Charlotta Rundstrom stipendium of \$100.00, the interest of which is annually used for buying a suitable premium for good scholarship to be awarded to that lady student who in the judgment of the faculty best deserves it. The cash donations received by the institution during 1889 amounted to \$21,193.09. C. A. Ahlstrom of Jamestown, N. Y., and James & Holmstrom of New York City, have each donated a piano to the college. About 500 new books have been given to the library during the year. Rev. J. Telleen, of San Francisco, is the general financial agent of the college. The college library which contains upwards of 4,000 volumes, is open every day in the week, and is free to all students. Connected with the library is a reading room with papers and magazines. There are three literary societies in connection with the institution. The Bethany Lyceum, Adelpic Society and Sapho Society. Besides these there are five debating clubs: Vega, Ciceronian, Webster, Alpha Beta and Platonian. Expenses for the winter term of fifteen weeks is as follows: The fall term of eleven weeks and spring term of eight weeks have expenses in proportion to their length. Admission fee \$3.00; graduation, \$3.00; preparatory department, \$12.00; college and normal course, \$15.00; commercial \$18.00; short hand and type-writing, \$15.00; piano, \$15.00; with vocal culture and harmony \$22.00; with organ, \$30.00; violin lessons, 75c.; board, \$2.00 a week; room rent, 15c. to 30c. a week; piano rent \$18.00 a term, two hours a day, \$5.00; organ rent \$5.00 a term. Students from outside of Kansas are allowed one third their railroad fare. Attendance in 1889, 306. Catalogue will be sent on application.

Farmers State Bank.—The Farmers State Bank was organized October first, 1886. In 1887 they built the present block, southeast corner of Main and Lincoln street, a two story brick 50x68. M. J. Wellslager, the president,



is a capitalist of Salina, having lived there for twelve years. He is one of the directors of the Salina National Bank. Geo. E. Eberhardt, the vice-president, has been for ten years local manager at this place of the large lumber business of Eberhardt & Sudendorff. Mr. Agrelus, the cashier, is a financier of wide reputation. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania and has lived in Lindsborg thirteen years. Before entering the bank he was engaged in the insurance and loan business. He is a man of means a stockholder in almost every corporation in the city, is city and township treasurer, and possesses the regard and confidence of the people among whom he lives.

STATEMENT JANUARY 2, 1891.

RESOURCES.		
Bills receivable.....	\$57,767	81
Real estate, furniture and fixtures.....	9,828	25
Cash and sight exchange.....	7,060	27
Total.....	\$74,656	33
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid in.....	\$30,000	00
Undivided profits.....	14,400	10
Deposits.....	17,376	23
Bills rediscounted.....	12,880	00
Total.....	\$74,656	33

Carlson & Johnson, General Merchandise.—The extensive general merchandise house of Carlson & Johnson has a business second to none in the county. The fine brick business block, situated on the corner of Lincoln and Main streets, is two stories and basement, 75x100 feet, and divided into three rooms. The two front rooms are used for dry goods, boots, shoes, clothing, hats, caps, etc., while the rear contains queensware and groceries. They carry \$25,000 to \$30,000 stock and give employment to from ten to twelve people. Mr. Carlson was one of the founders of the town. He came to the United States from Sweden and to Salina in 1869 and bought land close to the present site of Lindsborg; engaged in farming and cattle raising. He laid out the town. Mr. John-

son has also been in the United States since 1868. He is a carpenter by trade and was long engaged in bridge construction. He joined Mr. Carlson in 1872, and for eighteen years, side by side, with that indomitable perseverance so characteristic of their people, they have built themselves up, not only in material wealth, but in the respect, confidence and good will of their neighbors. They live side by side and the comfortable houses, well kept lawns, vineyards and arbors, fish ponds and playing fountains, show people not only able to earn a competence, but who know how to live.

Lindsborg Foundry and Machine Shops.

—The Lindsborg foundry and machine shops situated on Lincoln Street is one of the institutions of Lindsborg. They are fully equipped with all machinery necessary for the prosecution of their business. Lincoln & Duncan the lumber men are owners of the plant but have it leased to Lindsberg & Johnson, gentlemen who are well able to conduct it successfully.

Knut Carlberg, Proprietor Peoples Meat Market.—Meredith asks, "where is the man that can live without dining?" Echo answers, "where?" And we at once decide that in spite of the famous Dr. Tanner, and like cranks, that of such a man we will say "*Non est inventus.*" To dine well one must have meat, not one kind, but many. These people of Lindsborg find in the two meat markets belonging to Knut Carlberg, who was born and raised in Sweden, but has been in the United States for twenty-two years, and in Kansas twenty-one and one-half years. He was engaged in the business at Salina for nine years of his eleven years residence there, while in Salina he was also owner of a tannery, harness-shop and ice houses. He has for the last six years been established in the meat business in Lindsborg.

L. F. Anderson, Furniture, Undertakers' Goods, Wall Paper, Etc.—L. F. Anderson keeps a full line of all kinds of furniture and also does undertaking. He built his business house on Main Street five years ago. It is a two story brick 26x80 feet, and Mr. Anderson occupies both floors. He is a cabinet-maker by trade, was born in Sweden, learned his trade in Stockholm, and came to the United States twenty-one years ago. For several years he followed his trade, of carpentering, in different Kansas towns, and established himself here sixteen years ago.

H. H. Berggren, Lindsborg Bakery.—Among the many enterprises in a town or city that of a restaurant and bakery is most necessary. Mr. H. H. Berggren is owner and proprietor of Lindsborg's handsome restaurant. The building is 25x80, and his dining room is well lighted and ventilated. Mr. B's coffee and tea are the most fragrant importations, oysters of the best brands prepared "as you like them" and condiments rich and rare, tempt the appetite. His bakery furnishes bread, cake and pies for Lindsborg's people, and perfect satisfaction is his reward for a well proven desire to please. Mr. Berggren was born and

raised in Sweden and has been in the United States eight years. A part of this time he was in Minnesota farming, but he has been well established in Lindsborg for four years, in his bakery and restaurant, and was in the same business in McPherson, this state, two years prior to coming to Lindsborg.

Dr. J. B. Curtis.—Was born in 1849 in Kingsville, Ohio, received his literary education at Clinton, N. Y. He attended Bellevue College, N. Y., but had not finished the course when he began practice in 1872 at Lindsborg. He practiced with success for several years and returned to Bellevue for additional study and graduated in 1886, coming back here. His elegant office, at the corner of Main and Lincoln streets, is nicely fitted up and he has one of the best medical libraries in the county.

J. R. Lynch, Agent Union Pacific Railway.—The gentlemanly agent of the Union Pacific Railroad at Lindsborg is J. R. Lynch. He was born and raised at Yates Center, Woodson County, in this state, and being a native is a good rustler and no business will be lost to the Union Pacific that he can get. He has been with the Union Pacific two years at this point, and three years before, and was with the Missouri Pacific three years.

W. S. Boughton, Agent of Missouri Pacific Railway, and Pacific Express Company.—The business of the Missouri Pacific at Lindsborg is ably conducted by Mr. W. S. Boughton, a young man of education and ability, raised in Kansas, he graduated from the State Normal School, and spent several years in teaching. Six years ago he entered the service of the Missouri Pacific, and has remained with them ever since, for the last two years at Lindsborg. He is also in charge of the Pacific Express at this point. Careful and attentive, he is gentlemanly and pleasant in his business relations.

Lindsborg 'Bus Line, C. L. Newman, Proprietor.—“Omnibus to any part of the city,” is one of the greetings to the stranger stopping in Lindsborg. This popular 'bus line is owned and managed by C. L. Newman, who is also proprietor of a first-class livery stable on Main Street south. His stable is 150x30 feet, and accommodates sixty head of horses. Mr. Newman keeps about fifteen horses for livery. He boards a number of teams. Mr. Newman was born and raised in Maine, but has been in Kansas since 1869. Since his residence here he has farmed, traded, and kept livery stable. He was in the livery business here nine years ago, and traded for his present interest in January, 1888. He is a thorough judge of a horse and is town authority on all points concerning them.

HUTCHINSON.

HUTCHINSON is one of the few cities of Kansas that is in better condition to-day than ever before in its history. The conditions existing generally in all parts of the country the past few years have been such as to try the actual resources and powers of cities to the uttermost, and in this trial has this splendid city shown its ability to ride the waves of financial adversity safely and start in the new era of dawning prosperity with the brightest prospects for rapid growth and expanding wealth. There are numerous reasons existing for this highly satisfactory condition of Hutchinson, but in this brief sketch the writer can do but little more than enumerate a few of them, and give but a passing notice to her many and varied wealth-producing institutions.

First of all, and one of the prime requisites in the upbuilding of any city; Hutchinson is inhabited by the most energetic, enterprising and public spirited class of people to be found in any western city, claiming attention at this time. By their untiring work they have developed the natural resources, and builded a city of enduring greatness. Hutchinson has a population of 12,000 people, and with the prospect for western immigration, and the new

enterprises now projected this is certain to be largely augmented in the near future.

The salt industry is the leading one of the city, and the operations in this line are equalled only by Michigan and New York. The entire city, and many miles of surrounding territory, is underlaid by a bed of pure rock salt five hundred feet in depth. The discovery of this vast mine of wealth was made only two years ago, but already there are twenty-five mammoth salt blocks in operation, with daily capacities ranging from 1,000 to 2,500 barrels each per day. They are operated both day and night, and already the salt product of Hutchinson is found in the markets thousands of miles distant and meets with ready sale on account of its absolute purity. The salt industry of the city is only in its infancy of development, and no more inviting field for safe business investments can be found in the United States.

Another prominent industry of the city is the meat packing establishments which are unequalled in the state for size, capacity, and facilities for killing and curing meats.

Hutchinson has more trunk lines of railway than any western city, being on the main line

of the following systems: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and Chicago, Kansas & Western. Her unequaled railroad facilities being of the leading elements that secures for her commercial supremacy, and makes her the most favorable distributing point for wholesale houses, factories, and manufacturing establishments of all kinds.

Hutchinson has a perfect system of street railways which are equipped with the finest and latest improved machinery. Also a complete system of water works and electric lights, the central plant of the company being constructed at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars. The city is supplied with a complete system of sewerage. The banking capital of the city aggregates a half million dollars, and her financial institutions are in perfect condition. The wholesale groceries and dry goods houses are, among the largest in the west, and are doing a flourishing and rapidly incereasing business. The business blocks and residences of the city are noted for their elegance and costliness, and the city has the most beautiful drives extant.

To the stranger unacquainted with Hutchinson we say, come and see for yourself, we know you will be charmed, whether you be in search of a business location or an enchanted spot to make your home. Hutchinson possesses the requisites for both. Come, and the day you cast your lot with the rising young city of Kansas, will be a day for annual celebration in your homes for future years.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF HUTCHINSON.

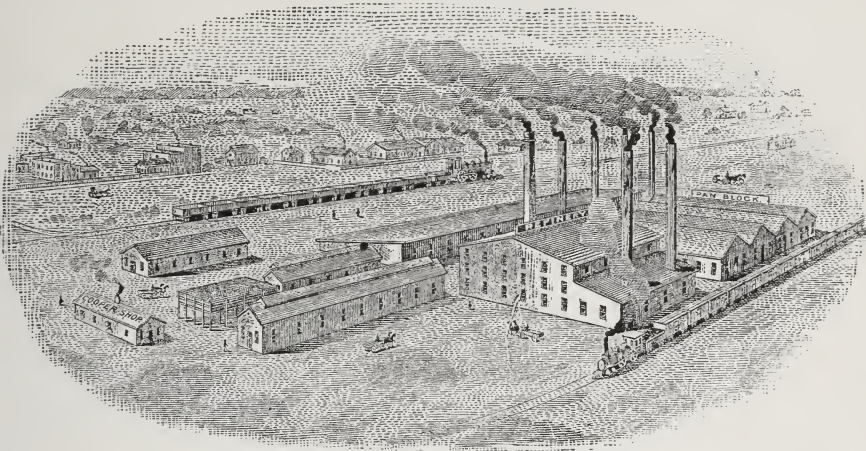
Maxwell & McClure, Wholesale Notions, Fancy Goods, Etc., 10 Second Avenue East.—Hutchinson has the best freight rates of any place in Western Kansas. Her central location gives her further advantage as a commercial centre. These facts and various others have induced in the last two years quite a number of jobbing houses to open up here in different lines. That of notions has been taken by an enterprising and progressive partnership, Robert Maxwell and Elbert L. McClure. These gentlemen are experienced notion and fancy goods men. They are from Richmond, Ind. The first has been nine years in this business; the latter eleven years—seven traveling. They have thus gained an experience which places them in the front rank of Kansas business ability, and are a just addition to our State, affording retailers superior opportunities for receiving stock. Mr. Maxwell opened up in August, 1889, on North Main street, but so

rapidly did orders pour in on him that he was obliged to find a partner and move into more spacious premises. This was done in July. Their store is in the new Higley block and is specially fitted up and admirably arranged to facilitate handling the large stock they carry. This consists of everything in the line of notions and fancy goods, an assortment too numerous to attempt to mention or even give here an idea of. Besides themselves the firm employ two men on the road, who carry a full line of samples, and visit all the towns east, west, north and south as far as 150 miles. Messrs. Maxwell & McClure's intimate acquaintance in Eastern markets enable them to get the very latest novelties as they come out, and their high credit and known qualities of push and enterprise make manufacturers seek their custom. They are buying novelties every day and turn over their stock ten or twelve times in a year. They are the only house in this line west of the Missouri River, and sell their goods at a shade above cost to the purchaser. It was a plucky thing for them to start in this western country, but their enterprise has been well recognized and they have rapidly built up a large trade which shows immense increase in sales every month. October of '90 showed on their books over twice the sales of the same month of '89. So much for Kansas dull times! The agreeable *personnel* of the firm is such as to make them very popular and inspire confidence with all they come in contact with.

The Hutchinson Mill Co.—It is a matter beyond dispute that those enterprises which are more intimately connected with our consumption of food supplies, occupy the foremost rank of usefulness in the community. This is especially true where they are conducted on such principles of commercial integrity deserving the full confidence of the community. The Hutchinson Mill Co. is a case in point. Mr. Kinny, the president, is a practical miller, he was born in Ohio and learned milling in Illinois. In 1877 he came to Kansas; he ran a mill two years in Pawnee County, and moved to Hutchinson in 1888. The company are successors to the Garfield Mill Co. Mr. Winemiller, secretary and treasurer, pays more attention to the financial part of the business. Born in Pennsylvania he came west five years ago. The company have a capital of \$30,000. They occupy a four story main building 40x50 and use four lots. A seventy-five horse-power engine is kept busy and has capacity for turning out 150 barrels daily. Seven men find constant employment. By virtue of the facilities enjoyed by the firm, they are able to meet all competition and find a ready market not only in Kansas, but also in Iowa, Texas and Colorado, besides exporting to Liverpool England. They make a specialty of corn meal, chop feed bran and ship stuff. The policy upon which this business is conducted is such as to meet the commendation of the trade, and those forming relations with the house, may feel assured of receiving that liberal treatment which has always characterized its dealings from its inception.

The Hutchinson Salt and Manufacturing Co.—Hutchinson's importance is forcibly demonstrated in this salt and manufacturing company that has been in successful operation since June, 1888. This concern adds more to the importance of Hutchinson than almost any other single institution. The gentlemen composing the corporation have always stood at the top of the financial interests of the State. Their salt plant here is the largest in Kansas, having a capacity of 1,000 barrels per day. They make a specialty of fine "dairy" salt, and in order to meet the demand buy salt at Kingman and Sterling. They ship all over the

in some of the best counties in the State. Trains ran as far as Kingman in September, 1889, and in May, 1890, through Harper and Anthony to the State line. Two passenger and two freight trains form the regular service each way every day. The road-bed is good, rails sixty-pound steel, locomotives and car equipment of the best; the present rolling stock is valued at about \$75,000. The company is well managed and on a paying basis; in the season it carries immense quantities of grain and cattle. It is in first-class hands with plenty of money at its back. W. E. Hutchinson, the vice-president, is an old timer in



HUTCHINSON SALT MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

West from Iowa to New Mexico. Fifty-five men are regularly employed. They also have a plant in operation at Nickerson. The capital stock is \$100,000. The office down town is in the Hutchinson National Bank building. Geo. L. Morris, the president of the company, resides at Catham, N. Y. Vincent brothers, upon whose shoulders the immediate management gracefully rests, came here from Iowa twelve years ago. Jno. F. Vincent, the secretary, is one of the successful men of our State. He is a director in the Valley State Bank and of the Hutchinson Grocer Co. Frank Vincent, the treasurer, shares his brother's splendid personal and business qualities. Formerly they were in the loan and real estate business. In concluding let us say that the corporation has withstood all the financial and trade depressions, and maintained a deserved reputation for unsullied integrity, eminently reflecting the lofty character and fine executive talent of its management.

Hutchinson & Southern Railroad Co.—The most important addition to Kansas' railroad system is the Hutchinson & Southern, running from Hutchinson south and north, the objective points being Omaha and Galveston. The line is at present built from Hutchinson to the Indian line, eighty-two miles, and soon will be running to Guthrie, Oklahoma. The road is the most profitable acquisition the city of Hutchinson has; for it enables her to trade

Kansas, and one of our ablest capitalists. O. P. Byers, the superintendent, is an enterprising Kansan, reared in the railroad business, having formerly been twelve years with the Union Pacific and Rock Island. Mr. W. A. Martin, the freight manager, was seven years with the Rock Island and Santa Fe. They have head offices in Hutchinson, have obtained for the road an enviable popularity, and are monthly adding to the volume of the company's and Hutchinson's business.

Kansas Grain and Live Stock Co.—Kansas owes her success and prominence as a grain producing State as much to the enterprise of her grain men as to the fertility of her soil. The leading dealers in the western part of the State is the Kansas Grain and Live Stock Co., of Hutchinson. The company commenced operations eight years ago and has built up a most extensive and satisfactory trade. They pay spot cash for grain and having the best connections in eastern markets can take any amount. They have seventy-five elevators, mostly on the Santa Fe railroad, and buy at all the local points west of Emporia as far as the Colorado line. They handled last year over 8,000 cars of corn, wheat and other small grain, sending to all the principal mills and cities between the Atlantic and Pacific. Their office business necessitates the employment of ten clerks under the direct management of Mr. L. B. Young, one of the hardest worked, level

headed inside men that ever handled a pen. Mr. Temper, the president and manager, is without his superior as a brainy and able man of business, and has been in grain and live stock all his life in Minnesota and other states. Their facilities for successfully conducting their affairs are of an unusually complete character, and they have aided largely in making Hutchinson the great business center she has become.

Hutchinson Hardware Company, 114 N. Main St.; Geo. Turbush, Pres., J. W. Wood, Sec. and Treas.—One of the distinctive industries of Hutchinson, and one which has contributed materially to her commercial prosperity is her extensive hardware trade. Among the most enterprising and pushing firms prominently connected with the business is the well-known and popular house whose name heads this short sketch. The business was established in December 1883, and the premises, which they own, are situated at 114 North Main Street, and consist of store 25x150 feet; the front building is used as the general store, at the the back is another building 25x100 feet in dimensions and four stories high. The first floor is devoted to the nail, etc. department; the second floor to the iron, the third floor to the implement, and the fourth floor to the tinshop, a feature of the business and to which they devote particular attention, is their tin roofing department. They carry a stock of everything in any way connected with the business and are the only firm in the State who make a specialty of furnishing salt-well supplies of which they carry a full stock. To particularize a few we might quote: Pumps, iron and brass fittings, oils, etc., gold coin and charter oak stoves, Paris ranges and fixtures, granite and other ware, and are agents for—amongst other makes—of the well known Studebaker wagons, also for McCormick machines, Jno. Deere plows, etc., and the Eclipse wind mills. They have also a pump house and warehouse on the Santa Fe track. Mr. Geo. Turbush, the president, is a native of Massachusetts and was eighteen years in Reno. He served with great distinction during the war, he is also a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, as also is Mr. J. W. Wood, the secretary and treasurer, who has been thirty years successfully engaged in the hardware business; he came in 1887 from Minnesota to this city. The firm buy direct from the manufacturers and producers and carry the largest stock in Southern Kansas, which places them on the most favorable plane enabling them to compete with any similar establishment in the State.

A. J. Higley, Loans, Investments and Insurance; office in Higley Building.—Few names are as prominently identified with Hutchinson as that of A. J. Higley. Mr. Higley is known as the city's enterprising builder. He is a native of Ohio and early learned to think and work for himself. He came to Jackson County, Missouri, in 1866, and engaged in farming; in 1878 he came to Hutchinson. He took a course of law at Beloit, Wis., and was

admitted in 1880. He does not pretend to practice much, however, as his extensive loans and investments engage all his time. He is representative of the Kansas Loan and Trust Co., the Western Farm Mortgage Trust Co. and others. He makes a specialty of loaning large amounts on long time. He does a brisk fire insurance business, having three good companies. His companies own the Midland block and others. Among his own individual estate may be mentioned the Higley Block, a handsome ornate two story stone structure with bank and stores on the street floor and upstairs offices. Mr. H. figures as a director in the Bank of Commerce, a charter member of the A. O. U. W. and has friends among the very best people.

Pioneer Land Office.—W. K. Cone is a native of Delaware County, Ohio, and has been a Kansan since 1858; he lived in Lawrence until 1874, being engaged in government practice, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. He resided in Washington, D. C., until 1882, when he came here. He was one of the victims of the Quantrell raid at Lawrence, August 21, 1863. Mr. Cone was admitted to the bar in 1860, but having always been in the real estate business he has practiced but little. Mr. Cone has, by close attention to business and strict adherence to principles, amassed a large fortune. He was instrumental in building the Santa Fe block, a handsome building 60x165 feet, and considerable other property in the city. He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and one would scarcely take him to be the owner of thousands of acres of land scattered throughout Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Alabama and Texas. He is an I. O. O. F. and member of the Methodist church.

J. H. F. Plate, Grocer and Baker.—J. H. F. Plate was established in November, 1881, and from the first has enjoyed a foremost position in the business world. Since the founding of his enterprise he has taken the lead. Mr. Plate has always been located in this block and in this stand since January 1, 1887. His stock of groceries is one of the largest and most complete in central Kansas. In connection with his business in this line he runs a bakery, his trade in this department being very large. He ships a superior quality of bread to all parts of the State. Mr. Plate employs six hands regularly and keeps a delivery wagon. He is a native of Hamburg and has been in America since 1881. He was in the business thirteen years in his native city. He is an Odd Fellow and one of the solid men of Reno County.

Scott & Davis, Undertakers and Embalmers; Wood, Metallic and Cloth Cases.—One of the best managed undertaking establishments in this portion of the state, is that of Scott & Davis, established March 2, 1890. They are located at 307 North Main Street, where their handsome room, 25x100 feet, is fitted up in a style and finish that would do credit to any house. Mr. Scott was born in Athens County, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Oriental School

of Embalmery of Boston. He had charge of the dead sixteen years in the state asylum at Athens, and located here in March 1890. Mr. Davis is a native of Alabama, leaving there when he was seventeen years of age. He has been sixteen years in Kansas, 10 of which he has spent in Hutchinson. The last six years he has devoted his attention to undertaking. Both are in every way refined and educated gentlemen, exercising in their pursuit every care and solicitude to perform their work without making it offensive to those who are compelled to seek their services in their bereavement.

The Valley State Bank.—Banking is at once the handmaid and the queen of commerce. As a servant it humbly obeys the slightest behests of trade; as a mistress it regulates and controls it with an arbitrary sway. The Val-



ley State Bank has ever been noted for its enterprise and liberality. It does credit to the banking world and is ever foremost in those measures which advance the city's interests. It was organized in June, 1887, being successor to the bank of Hutchinson. To a capital of \$100,000, it adds \$15,000 surplus and \$155,000 deposits; its loans and discounts run \$193,000. The bank occupies a handsome stone building furnished with every convenience. The directory includes some of the wealthiest men of the county. W. E. Burns, the president, is a very popular man with all. A native of Pennsylvania, he early came west settling in Iowa. He served with the 7th Missouri cavalry in Missouri and Arkansas. He has been all his life a merchant and embarked in banking six years ago, starting the Hutchinson national, of which he was president; he is largely engaged in cattle raising, having on hand generally about 1,000 head; his ranch includes some 2,000 acres in the Arkansas valley. He is an encampment Odd Fellow. W. E. Hutchinson, the vice president, is at the head of the Hutchinson & Southern railroad. C. B. Wilfley, cashier, is a first class bank officer and came here from Kansas City, Missouri, where he was connected with the National Bank of Kansas City and other banks for thirteen years.

Cyrus L. Bowman, Loan Broker.—Success in any business depends to a very large extent upon intelligent proficiency, which involves a

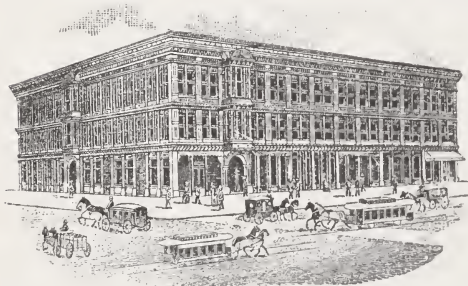
thorough knowledge of and attention to details. Cyrus L. Bowman, the well known loan broker, has been established here six years. In loans he has unlimited quantities of money, while the fair and equitable terms offered have brought to his office a desirable patronage. He represents a large amount of eastern capital. During four years business he has had one foreclosure. All business is done on a strictly conservative basis, Mr. Bowman never loaning over forty per cent of actual cash value of property. He formerly lived in New York, and later in Illinois, whence he came to Kansas. Mr. Bowman was in Illinois for sixteen years a general insurance agent. Reference: Valley State Bank of Hutchinson.

Chas. E. Hall, The Abstracter.—Mr. Hall established this office in 1886 and gives his entire attention to it. He was born in Ohio and reared in Kansas. He was educated at the State University, and was employed by the Santa Fe one year before he settled here. He has a nice office on Sherman Street, where he has a complete set of abstracts, etc. He solicits orders by mail. He is careful and exact in his transactions and enjoys the most pleasant relations with his patrons.

Hutchinson Packing Company.—Kansas leads America in two things—the quantity of her corn and the quality of her hogs. It is a notable fact that the packers who stand first in the market for the quality of their products are partial to the Kansas hog. One of such is the Hutchinson Packing Co., who pride themselves and have gained and hold their market by turning out fine, clean cut meats. The company started here in May 1889, and have not only made a market for the hogs raised in Southwest Kansas, but have been a means of inducing the farmers of this section to take more care and pains to raise a good breed of animal. Their works have the newest and best known arrangements for manipulating the animal, from driving them from the stockyards to the matter of shipment, as they have switch connections with all the railroads. They have the ammonia system of refrigerator. Their killing capacity is 1,000 hogs a day and also for fifty head of cattle, the storage capacity being ample in excess of this. They employ about 100 men. They ship as far as Texas and California; also export and have acquired a very solid and substantial trade with the best people, their products having no superior in the market. Mr. Underwood, one of the owners and manager of the business, is a gentleman of superior executive and business talent, eminently qualified to conduct a large concern like this as is indeed best seen in the large and rapidly increasing trade. He was many years in the pork packing business in Chicago. This house is a branch of Underwood & Co. of Chicago, and the Omaha Packing Co. of South Omaha.

W. M. Whitelaw, Attorney at Law, rooms 4 and 5 over First National Bank.—It is with a feeling of especial comfort that the writer places on these pages the name of W. M.

Whitelaw, believing that few names lend as much grace to the professional tone or standing of the Kansas bar. A native of Tennessee, he was admitted to the bar in 1866. He practiced at Brownsville, Tennessee, till he resolved to follow the "Star of Empire" and came to Hutchinson in 1872, the year the city was laid off. He has ever since been a leading figure in this community, gaining by his always unruffled and pleasant manner and his fine common sense the esteem and good word of all. In his subtle knowledge of the principles of law he is regarded by the fraternity to have few equals. In his offices, consisting of three spacious rooms, his business necessitates the employment of a stenographer and an assistant—a young lawyer. He is attorney for the First National Bank. Mr. Whitelaw is ever considerate of the feelings and opinions of his fellowmen.



Hotel Midland.—The above hotel is known as the paying hotel of Hutchinson, and gives the best meals and accommodations to be found for the money. Mr. Stotts, the proprietor, is a native of Ohio; he served in the army in the 1st U. S. volunteer engineers. He came to Kansas six years ago and first took the Occidental hotel; soon after trade increased so that he took the Grand Central, too; then he started the Midland in December, 1890. He does the transient trade of the county and feeds some forty regular boarders. He has forty-five sleeping rooms, large dining room polite service, and at the low rate of \$1 to \$1.50 a day gives first-class accommodation in every particular.

Wright & Stout, Attorneys at Law, Bank of Commerce Building.—An association which lends substantiality to the bar of Hutchinson is that formed between George W. Wright and John F. Stout. They are both young practitioners without any hereditary prestige and won their success solely on their merits and their own talents. Both natives of Ohio: Mr. Wright took his degrees B. A. and A. M. from the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, with honors, in 1877; he was superintendent of city schools and came to Kansas in 1883, continuing school supervision at Columbus, Kan., and studied law, being admitted in 1887 at Columbus, Kan. He was almost immediately appointed assistant attorney for the Santa Fe at Topeka, and came to Hutchinson in 1888. Mr. Stout was admitted before the

supreme court at Columbus, Ohio, in 1887, and immediately followed the star of Empire, locating at Hutchinson in the spring of 1889, when this partnership was formed. While the senior member is noted for his judgment, as an experienced cross-questioner and a keen observer, the younger is recognized as brilliant and cool headed. They employ a stenographer and clerk and are attorneys for Russell & Wilcox Hardware Co., Hutchinson Manufacturing Co., Kansas Investment Co., Pennsylvania Investment Co., American Investment Co., National Bank of Commerce, and other corporations.

Emerson Carey, Coal, Lime, Hides, etc.—Emerson Carey is a sterling example of the success which attends talents and perseverance applied by young and energetic men. He started business here in 1883, when but twenty years old, and his career has been remarkable. From his little, unassuming office one would not judge he did such an extensive trade, and it is an example of how appearances are deceptive. A short conversation and a glance into the eye of its occupier at once betrays where the secret lies and how the business is so large. Mr. Carey carries on several lines of business and makes money at them all. He is general agent for the Kansas & Texas Coal Co.'s coals, Riverside, Leavenworth, Weir City, Pittsburg, Camden, Ardmore, Huntsville and Marcelline and Arkansas semi-anthracite. He handles lime, cement, plaster and hair at wholesale. He buys hides, pelts and tallow and ships them by carloads to St. Louis and Chicago. His main yard is 75x160 feet; he has a hide house on the river and also a warehouse on the track. He runs four teams for local trade and has two men selling in the State; he also travels himself as far as the Colorado line to see his customers. Mr. Carey makes promptness a strong feature of business. Born in Indiana, he was reared in Illinois, and has been in Kansas twelve years. In the rush of business he does not forget social matters, and is an active K. of P.

F. V. Woodward, Dentist.—Dr. Woodward came to Kansas five years ago. A native of Indiana, he was reared in Ohio and has been in practice four years. He graduated from the Chicago Dental College in 1889. His rooms he has furnished with the best furniture and the latest improvements in the way of dental chairs and appliances. He is a natural mechanic, knows his profession in all its branches, and holds the esteem of the fraternity and the public.

Kent & Cannell, Attorneys.—These gentlemen are young men of ability and are building up a good practice. R. J. Cannell was born in Rockford, Illinois. He graduated from the Bloomington law school in 1886 and soon after came to Hutchinson. D. W. Kent is a native of Pennsylvania; he was reared in Bloomington, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He is an active member of the Odd Fellows. The partnership has been a pleasant one and very successful.

E. R. Loring, Contractor for Steam Heating, Plumbing and Gas Fitting.—E. R. Loring, Hutchinson's leading and only plumber is an example of those men whose pluck overcomes all difficulties. Untouched by the ravages before which many weaker vessels have gone under, he stands to-day on the rock upon which Hutchinson lays her claim to have a first class plumber. A native of Boston, as a boy he served the Union on the dispatch boat Cleveland, on the Mississippi river. In 1864 he apprenticed himself to a plumber in Chicago and in 1867 he started there in business for himself. In 1879 he came to Kansas City, and in 1881 moved over into the Sunflower state. Three years ago he came to Hutchinson. Plumbers and gas fitters have come and gone but Loring goes on for ever. At one time there were seven in town; but one of them is left and that one is Loring. He occupies a substantial building 25x60 feet, where he carries a large stock of everything used in the steam heating, plumbing and gas fitting line; he has also a yard for storing sewer pipe, etc. During the dull season he keeps three men, a plumber, a steam fitter and a gas fitter. In contract jobs he runs fifteen and twenty hands. He has fitted all the large buildings and residences in this county. Mr. L. is a member of the Uniform Rank of the K. of P.

John W. Roberts, Attorney at Law, rooms 4 and 5 over No. 5 South Main St.—One of the livest young lawyers of Hutchinson is John W. Roberts. Born in West Virginia, he early moved with his family to Kansas. He went through the college at Paola, and in June, 1888, we find him a graduate from the law school of the State University, at the head of his class. He wisely chose Hutchinson as the most favorable point to begin his practice, and the wisdom of his move has been since amply proven by the large practice he has acquired. He has nice offices, employs a stenographer and a student. He does the leading business in mortgage foreclosures in the county and represents the interests of several important corporations.

J. W. Maguire, Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Maguire is one of Hutchinson's best known gentlemen. He is a native of Jackson Court House, West Virginia, received his literary education at Athens, Ohio, where he graduated in 1874; he then went to Bellevue where he graduated in 1878. He returned to Jackson Court House and practiced until 1884, when he came to Hutchinson. He has made a special study of the eye and ear. He is a member of the South Kansas Medical Association and a Mason and K. of P.

S. M. Colladay, M. D.—Is a graduate from the medical department of Ann Arbor University. He was born in New York and reared in Illinois. When he had received his diploma, he joined in practice with Dr. Todd, of Kansas City. He removed to Virginia, Ills, in the spring of 1875. He lived there until 1886, when he came to Hutchinson. Dr. Colladay is a gentleman possessing ability and that sym-

pathetic manner which at once encourages the patient. The Doctor is president of Board of Pension Surgeons at Hutchinson and is a member of the Southern Kansas Medical Association and of the County Association. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Workman and G. A. R. man. Dr. Colladay was a soldier in the 5th Michigan and 31st Illinois regiments.

R. H. Updegraff, Dentist.—As a leading exponent of the dental surgery, Dr. R. H. Updegraff is worthy of particular mention. That the Doctor is cut out for his chosen profession is amply shown by his repeated successes. He was born in Pennsylvania, graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in 1888. He had practiced for three years in Cincinnati. At a general examination in operative surgery, Dr. Updegraff acquitted himself with honorable mention. His operating rooms are provided with two chairs and every invention and convenience. He has an electric engine in his rooms. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley Dental Association, and has been in Hutchinson since the spring of '88.

R. B. Wilson, M. D.—A successful and energetic young physician of Hutchinson. Was born in West Virginia. He graduated from the University of Maryland and, after two years practice, followed the "Star of Empire," settling in Hutchinson in the fall of 1886. He is a member of the Reno County Medical Association and of the Southwest Kansas. The Doctor is well up in his profession, very conscientious, stands high in the estimation of the fraternity, and is popular with all with whom he comes in contact.

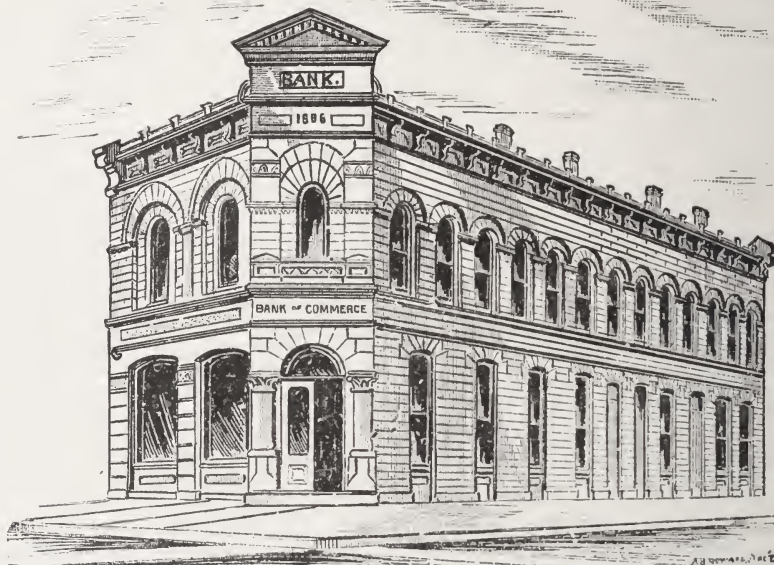
City Green House.—A unique institution is the City Green House of L. G. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is one of those considerate minded and intelligent men of ripe and mature experience, in whose society all must learn something. Born in Massachusetts, he has been in Kansas thirty-six years. He farmed and has done everything to make a living a pioneer Kansan usually does. He has lived in Reno County nineteen years and started his green house in 1881. It is admirably laid out and arranged. It covers an acre of ground, six city lots; the hot houses have 2,500 feet of glass. From sunrise to sunset Mr. Johnson can be found among his plants and shrubs—his pets—and is seconded by three competent assistants. He has all varieties of every flour which will flourish under a Kansas sky on Kansas soil and many peculiar to more tropical climates. He makes a specialty of cut flowers and floral designs and sells all over the State. He takes special care in packing for shipment.

A. W. McKinney, M. D., Coroner Reno County, office, rooms 4 and 5 over 14 North Main Street.—Among the most able physicians of Reno County prominently stands A. W. McKinney, the present coroner. The Doctor is one of the city's early settlers, having located here in 1872, when the town was laid out. A native of Indiana, he served four years, four months and seven days in the Thirty-first Indi-

ana Regiment and was at Fort Donaldson and other fights. He graduated from Cincinnati Medical College in 1860 and practiced in Indiana until he came to Kansas. He has been coroner of the county twelve years. He is a Freemason, overseer in the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., member of the South Kansas Medical Association, and examiner for the Select Knights, Knights of Aurora and Select Friends. During his residence of eighteen years here Dr. McKinney has made many lasting associations and endeared himself to the community.

National Bank of Commerce.—The National Bank of Commerce does credit to the

three years old and has been an Odd Fellow since he came to his majority. He was in the county treasurer's office four years as deputy, and four years as county treasurer; he was also in the hardware business. He was one of the bank's organizers; was first assistant cashier, then cashier in 1888, and at the meeting of directors in October last was elected president. He is a painstaking and careful financier, a modest and pleasant gentleman. John Hall is vice president. N. G. Hollister, cashier, a New Yorker, is a prompt man, and has been with the bank since July, 1890. The bank occupies an ornate stone building, attractive without and beautiful within.



enterprising spirit of Hutchinson and honor to itself. It was established in 1886 as a state bank on a capital of \$50,000; in 1888 it was converted into a national institution and the capital doubled. This, with increased facilities and standing, gave it somewhat of a boom. Its statement for the years of 1889 and 1890, as rendered to the comptroller of the currency is:

RESOURCES.		Dec. 11, '89.	Dec. 19, '90.
Bills receivable.....		\$138,796 05	\$152,916 08
U. S. Bonds and premiums.....		31,170 69	31,170 69
Real Estate, furniture and fixtures		22,693 14	22,692 94
Overdrafts.....		3,290 02	104 96
Expense.....		1,343 60	1,064 42
Cash and sight exchange.....		29,308 19	52,228 61
Total.....		\$226,601 69	\$260,177 70
LIABILITIES.			
Capital stock.....		\$100,000 00	\$100,000 00
Surplus.....		6,000 00	7,000 00
Profits.....		2,774 82	4,344 47
Circulation.....		22,500 00	22,500 00
Deposits.....		69,286 65	90,202 23
Due to clearing house.....		4,633 43	
Bills payable.....		5,000 00	15,000 00
Re-discounts.....		16,406 79	21,131 00
Total.....		\$226,601 69	\$260,177 70

The president of the bank, W. T. Atkinson is a pioneer (1873) resident of Hutchinson and born in England, he crossed the ocean when

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, W. T. Alexander, Agent.—The great Wells-Fargo Express Co. has in Hutchinson an enterprising and reliable agent. A native of Ohio, Mr. Alexander was reared in Kansas, and entered the service of the Fargo in April 1885, at Ottawa, Kansas, as messenger, and was also in New Mexico and Texas. For efficient attention to duty he was soon promoted, and two years ago had the position of agent here given him. He employs three men, has his office well equipped for carrying on operations, and in every manner makes it a desirable place to patronize. Mr. Alexander is a progressive-minded young man, bright, active and courteous and a member of the Knights of Aurora.

Harriet E. Messenger, M. D.—An important recent addition to the strength of the medical fraternity of Kansas has been made in the person of Miss Harriet Messenger, who comes to us after a thorough training in the profession. A native of Iowa, she has been some five years studying under and practicing with eminent physicians of that State. She took her degree last spring at the Iowa University and finished her hospital practice at

Omaha, which she left to come to Hutchinson. Miss Messenger is a lady well qualified for a physician, combining an observant manner with a ready understanding of people. She follows the unrivaled principles of homeopathy and gives special attention to the complaints of women. She has been received with favor by the medical fraternity here and has already gained a flattering patronage. Miss Messenger has, from childhood, learned strictly to attend to what she undertakes and will be found in her nicely furnished office during office hours—9 to 10 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m.



Society, Humor, Drama; Best Advertising Medium in the West; W. A. Loe, Publisher.—The CLIPPER of Hutchinson was established in February 1889, and almost at once entered on a prosperous career, and now has the flattering circulation of over 3,200 a week. The paper is the official organ of the dramatic profession in Kansas and also devotes much space to society notes, general wit and humor. It is a sixteen page, four column octo, printed on good paper, and every week has a cut of some person or thing of interest. It has a more general circulation than any other western paper. The establishment has cylinder and job presses run by electricity, and six hands are employed. W. A. Loe is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia; he has been fifteen years in printing and commenced his own shop here in March 1886, the CLIPPER being a late venture. He is manager of the Opera House and conducts it in a very satisfactory manner.

F. G. Brown, M. D.—Dr. F. G. Brown occupies a foremost position amongst our professional men. He was born in Kentucky and graduated in St. Louis in 1868. He practiced in Washington County, Kentucky, till he came to Hutchinson, about six years ago. He is surgeon of the Rock Island Railroad Co. at this point. His business rooms, situated at 108 South Main street, are handsomely equipped with everything appertaining to his profession. The doctor is liberal in his ideas, and is now reaping the reward of his many years of hard study and his devotion to his profession.

F. W. Cook, Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist. Office, 13 First Avenue West, adjoining J. C. Wolcott's Stable.—Dr. Cook is universally esteemed by the stock raisers of western Kansas. He has grown up among horses and made a study of them from boyhood. He graduated from the celebrated Toronto Veterinary School with honors in 1888. He is the only veterinary in Reno and has one of the finest quarter-section farms in the State, five miles from town; it is all fenced; has water, luxuriant pasture—green the year round—and stables with box stalls and every convenience for housing horses or other animals. He boards the sick ones here, when placed under his charge, at moderate rates. He treats diseases

of all domesticated animals: horses, cattle, cows, hogs, ladies' pets, hunting and coursing dogs, and even chickens. He deals in fine horses. His Jesse Young is conceded to be the handsomest trotting stallion in Kansas; he has some standard bred fillies. He will answer calls by telephone, telegraph or mail at once, being always on hand for business, and takes his holiday in caring for the sick dumb animal.

W. M. Lucas, M. D., 106 North Main Street.—Confidence in our physician is half a cure. One of the best known names in the profession is that of W. M. Lucas, M. D. Born in Pennsylvania, he graduated in the medical college of Ohio in 1880. For seven years he practiced in Felicity, Ohio; the last three years Hutchinson has been his home. He is a member of the Reno County and Southern Kansas medical societies. He served in the late "unpleasantness" from 1861 to 1862 in the 47th Illinois and from 1863 till he was taken prisoner in the 8th Iowa cavalry. He spent seven long months in Andersonville. He is surgeon of the 4th regiment Kansas brigade U. R. K. of P., Past Chancellor Commander Hutchinson lodge 197. He is medical examiner for a large number of companies, amongst which may be mentioned the Pennsylvania Mutual, the Massachusetts Mutual, Traders and Travelers Accident, Northwestern, Northwestern Traveling Men's Association, Endowment Rank U. R. K. of P., Fraternal Aid Association. He makes friends of all he comes in contact with and has a large practice.

Z. L. Wise, Attorney at Law.—One of the most successful and best known lawyers of western Kansas is Mr. Z. L. Wise. He was born in Ohio, graduated from Michigan University in 1870, and for several years was in Arkansas, engaged in the practice of law, and was prosecuting attorney two terms and receiver of the United States land office. He came to Hutchinson three years ago; is now city attorney and member of the Republican county committee.

Carey & Wisler, Lawyers.—A firm lending strength to the Reno County bar is that of Carey & Wisler. Mr. Carey, a native of Maine, is a gentleman of experience. He studied law under one of Maine's best men (General Fessenden of Portland), and, after being admitted to the bar, came west to Illinois in 1856. At Galena, Illinois, he built up a large practice; he was a member of the constitutional convention of 1869-70 that framed the present constitution of the State; in the legislature he was four years chairman of the judiciary committee; from 1872-76 he was United States Attorney for Utah, and among other cases conducted that against the celebrated Jno. D. Lee, the Mormon, for murder. He was ten years in the Black Hills, where he was also district attorney; he was instrumental in having Deadwood's celebrated brick school house built. He is a K. T. Mason. Mr. Wisler has been practicing seven years. With their extended experience and abilities, the firm is safe, courteous and reliable.

W. A. Ford, Artist, 204 North Main Street.—Next to the corporal presence of a dear friend, is a good artificial representation. The artist who gives us such an one is indeed a benefactor to mankind in general. He has the power to waken tender memories and pleasing reflections, the sweetest sentiments and emotions of the heart. For does he not help to keep with us the absent dear friend, and bring back to us in seeming our lost loved ones? An artist of unusual merit is given to the citizens of Hutchinson, in the person of Mr. W. A. Ford, who has a handsomely fitted up studio at 204 North Main street. Mr. Ford's specialty is enlargement of photographs in either crayon or pastel. These portraits are of the highest artistic merit, and range in price from \$7.00 for small size to \$40.00 for life size. Mr. Ford was born in Illinois and studied and perfected himself with Carling & Bryson the celebrated pastel artists of Chicago. For seven years Mr. F. has been in business for himself, the last two years in Hutchinson, where he has, by his good work and integrity and good business principles, gained scores of customers and friends.

Citizens' Bank.—A solid and successful institution of Hutchinson is the Citizens' Bank of J. B. Mackay. Mr. Mackay came here three years ago, and by careful attention and honorable dealing has gained public confidence in an eminent degree, and has his capital fully in demand all the time. Mr. Mackay is an old banker. A native of Scotland, he entered a bank from school, and rose step by step to occupy all the positions. He came to America in 1878 and was several years at Abington, Ills., where he was president of the First National Bank. Mr. Mackay has built a nice house in Hutchinson and has come to stay with her and Kansas. He transacts general banking, loans at low rates of interest on long or short time, and is a pleasant gentleman to enter into business relations with.

Smith & Miller, Hard and Soft Coal, Stone, Lime, Hair, Cement, etc., Sherman Street East, Rear Masonic Temple.—This partnership was formed in October last by Dan Miller and Fay Smith. Long identified with Reno County they at once entered on a most prosperous trade. Their facilities for successfully conducting business are unusually complete. They carry all kinds of hard and soft coal for household and factory purposes. They are both men with a record. Mr. Miller is a native of Virginia, was reared in Illinois; has lived in Kansas fifteen years and in Hutchinson seven; he was twice sheriff of Rush County and once in Reno. Mr. Smith was born in Iowa, and been in Reno since 1872; he farmed and is still a farmer, was constable, deputy sheriff four years, and is an I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

Dr. Harriet Comstock.—Dr. Comstock is a native of Michigan and graduated from the Iowa State University in 1880. She practiced several years in Marshalltown, Iowa, and in 1887 caught the Kansas fever, selecting Hutchinson as her future place of abode. Her move has proven a wise one and business has poured

in on her. She is supposed to have the best paying practice in town. Her offices are elegantly furnished and equipped with all apparatus, including a large library and an electric bath. The doctor has also the nicest horse and buggy in the county, kept all day in harness ready for call. Dr. Comstock is a lady of graceful and substantial bearing, of strong force of character—a model physician.

F. E. Bellamy, The People's Grocer.—Mr. Bellamy began this business in October, 1889, having come here "broke" from the west. He was born and raised in Coldwater, Mich., at which place he practiced law five years, but on account of failing health went into the lumber trade in Battle Creek, Mich., where he was seven years; then went to New Mexico, Colorado and Nebraska, after which he went to Liberal, Kan., during the boom and came to this city in October, 1889. His store is well filled with a nice and varied stock of teas, coffees, sugars, molasses, spices, etc. Mr. Bellamy is a good buyer—and herein lies the secret of his success. He keeps two assistants and runs one wagon. He does strictly a cash business, keeps no books, but has found as he believed when he adopted his present excellent system of doing business, that it is of great advantage both to himself and his customers, to sell for cash and pay cash for his goods. He carries an invoice of about \$3,000.

C. A. Bentley & Co., Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, etc.—This firm enjoys a very extensive "farmer's trade." At present they carry a stock of about \$8,000. Mr. C. A. Bentley, the senior member, has grown up in the lumber business from his early boyhood, he is a master in the traffic. Mr. J. E. Merritt the junior partner, born and reared in Illinois, has been in lumber fifteen years; he is an enterprising and agreeable business man, whose honor and integrity are winning cards. The firm, established but two years, has won a high standing abroad as well as at home. Mr. Merritt is a member of the A. O. U. W.

George S. Gahan, Tailor: Pants Parlor.—Something new not only in Hutchinson but also in Kansas is the line taken up by the above gentleman. He devotes his business entirely to pants and carries an enormous stock of all shades, styles and patterns. If necessary, he will take your measure and fill your order inside of eight hours and give you a perfect fit. His prices range all the way from \$6 to \$15, though if one is content with ready made pants he can get them in all varieties much cheaper. Mr. Gahan is a native of Kentucky and came to Kansas three years ago. He opened up on the 4th of August last. He keeps an assistant, and parties sending in orders may depend upon having them promptly filled.

Wright & Todd, Cash Grocers, 21 South Main Street.—There are to be found in this city many attractive stores and enterprising merchants, and among the best is the popular and well known house of Wright & Todd. It is still carried on under the old name, but Mr. W. M. Wright is now sole proprietor. The

business has been established four years. Mr. Wright was born in Leavenworth and was raised in the grocery business, he traveled for over six years in Kansas, and is thoroughly at home in every part of the business. The stock averages about \$7,000, and embraces everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries. It keeps four men busy and the delivery wagon has all it can do. Mr. Wright makes a specialty of family and country trade and his policy is to please and satisfy his customers. He is a K. T. and Mystic Shrine Mason, and integrity and fair dealing has secured him the unlimited confidence of his fellow citizens.

J. W. Jones, Sheriff.—Prominent among the county officers of Hutchinson is the popular sheriff of Reno County. Mr. J. W. Jones was born in Illinois, and is serving his first term as sheriff. He has been favorably known in the county as a farmer many years, and is at the present time farming. He is a M. W. A. and I. O. O. F. He is one of the most capable men Reno County has ever had in office; full of business, he attends to his duties very promptly and is well assisted by three smart deputies, office clerk and janitor.

Dr. F. P. Adams, Clerk of the District Court.—The above office calls for the exercise of such qualities as good judgment, diligence and carefulness. An official who is possessed of these and who, in his administration bids fair to give satisfaction to all parties, is the present incumbent, recently elected to the office. Dr. F. P. Adams was born in Virginia, and has been well known to the people for the last thirteen years as one of Reno County's most enterprising physicians. He studied medicine with Robert S. Lewis, of Culpepper, Va., graduating in 1873 from the Jefferson Medical College, Pennsylvania. He is an A. O. U. W. and Farmers Alliance man, being independent in politics.

J. M. Anderson, Treasurer of Reno County.—One of Reno County's popular men is J. M. Anderson. He came to Kansas and Reno County in 1873, taking soldiers claim for 160 acres. He had served in the 9th Iowa Cavalry, enlisting in August 1863. Mr. Anderson possesses sterling principles and has merited the confidence of the public. He was county commissioner two terms, and in 1887 was elected county treasurer, re-elected in 1889. In his office he employs three assistants. Mr. Anderson is a gentlemen of public spirit, modern ideas and undaunted energy. He is a native of North Carolina but was reared in Indiana.

S. J. Morris, County Clerk.—One of the whole-souled citizens of Reno County and one of its efficient servants, was born in Ohio and reared on a farm in Indiana. He enlisted in the 9th Indiana regiment, was wounded at Stone river, and on the expiration of his term of service, re-enlisted in the 12th Indiana cavalry, where he was in active service for nine months. After the war he came to Kansas in 1874, locating in Sedgwick County where he remained one year. He then came to Reno

County and took a soldier's right to the farm he now owns. He is serving his second term as county Clerk; the last election being by an increased majority. Mr. Morris is a gentleman of superior ability and possesses that genuine courtesy of manner which makes him a public favorite. He is a member of the G. A. R., S. V., the encampment, I. O. O. F., M. W. A., Mystic Circle, Aurora and Select Friends.

E. A. Smith, Insurance Agent.—A well known figure in Hutchinson is E. A. Smith the insurance man. Mr. Smith is one of our city's pioneer settlers, coming here in 1872. He was for eight years county surveyor and also deputy treasurer, and since 1878 has conducted an extensive insurance business. His trade is solidly established and is flattering to his capacity and honorable methods. He insures all and every kind of property against fire, lightning or tornadoes, carrying a line of the pick of the world's insurance companies. They are: Northern, London; American Central, St. Louis; Niagara, N. Y.; Rockford, Ills.; London and Lancashire; Sun Fire, of London; Phoenix Hartford; Fire Association, Pa.; American, N. Y. He is ably assisted in his office by his son-in-law, C. L. Christopher, who does all his writing and correspondence. Mr. Smith is a native of Vermont and was reared in Massachusetts; was two years in New York in a foundry and twenty years in Indiana merchandising. He has been a Mason forty-two years and is in the 32d degree. Mr. Smith and his son-in-law constitute an agency which is to be relied upon in all things relating to the conduct of its affairs.

James E. Kaye, Optician.—This gentleman is one of the few skillful opticians of the State. He is peculiarly adapted to his profession and has merited the success and popularity he enjoys. He is a native of the Isle of Man, and has been in this country since 1874. He studied in St. Paul and in Hutchinson, and succeeded to Professor Shellman's business here. His office is fitted with every contrivance that will add to the comfort of his patrons; here he may always be found during business hours. He keeps a full line of optical goods; grinds lenses and fits them to the eye; he makes a specialty of all kinds of field glasses, etc., and artificial eyes. All his work is warranted. Mr. Kaye enjoys the unqualified endorsement of the leading physicians of Central Kansas, and gets cases from all parts of the state.

W. Atmore Woodrow, Real Estate and Money Broker, 22½ North Main Street.—This enterprising real estate business was established by Mr. W. Atmore Woodrow about four years ago. His office is located at 22½ North Main Street. Mr. Woodrow has for sale the finest classes of all kinds of city property and farm lands. Parties desiring to locate in Kansas should in advance correspond with Mr. Woodrow. He was born in Pennsylvania, but was a resident of Delaware since a child. He was a jeweler for twenty years in Newark, Delaware, and was seventeen years a chorister in the Methodist Church there, with which church he has been connected thirty years.

He is an I. O. O. F. of twenty-five years standing. Since his establishment he has enabled those seeking investment in this State to find readily what they wanted. Mr. Woodrow also conducts a money brokerage business and loans money on short time at easy rates of interest. He also buys notes and other negotiable paper.

A. McInturff, Photographer.—This gentleman, a native of Virginia, is a pioneer Kansan. He was a soldier in the Fifth Kansas Cavalry; was wounded while in service. He came to Hutchinson in 1872. In 1875 he began to travel and continued this until 1881, when he opened a permanent gallery here. He is assisted by his son. He has a pleasant studio and receives a liberal patronage which is well merited.

Jas. McKinstry, Attorney at Law.—A talented lawyer of our city is Jas. McKinstry. He is a native of Indiana; studied law with Parker & Wiley of Charleston, Illinois, and J. M. Dill of Belleville, Illinois; graduating in 1871 from the Normal College, Illinois. Mr. McKinstry has lived fifteen years in Kansas, but has spent the greater part of his life in Illinois. He occupies three rooms for offices in the National Bank of Commerce building, and has a fine library. He belongs to the G. A. R. and served in the 68th and 135th Illinois infantry regiments.

O. K. Leigh, 20 North Main, Printer.—Mr. Leigh's work for taste, neatness, quality of material used and general style is probably not equaled in this part of the State. A job printer sixteen years he has lived in Hutchinson ten years, and when he started for himself three years ago he at once came to the front. His premises are well arranged for the expeditious transaction of business, being fitted with latest styles of plain and artistic type and new presses. His specialty is fine work in business stationery, wedding cards, catalogues, etc. Mr. Leigh is a native of Trenton, New Jersey; he has lived in Kansas nineteen years, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Golden Eagle.

L. A. Bunker, Loans and Investments.—Our pen sketch of Hutchinson would not be complete without due mention of Mr. L. A. Bunker, the city loan and investment dealer. Whole attention given; sound securities; eleven years experience; no losses; write for particulars. In loans he has unlimited quantities of money and the desirable and very equitable terms he has offered, have naturally drawn a large patronage to his office. Mr. Bunker is a stockholder in three of the city banks. He is a capitalist of superior ability, full of push and energy, with those social qualities which render him popular.

J. W. Bedwell, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance; room 10 Sherman Street West, First National Bank Building.—Prominent among those individual factors which make up the solid phalanx of business strength in Hutchinson stands J. W. Bedwell. A native of Indiana, Mr. Bedwell was reared in this State. He has traveled extensively in the West—in Oregon,

California, etc., and came to Hutchinson nine years ago. He has been established in business three years. In loans he represents the Providence Trust Co., the Union Security Co., Southern Kansas Mortgage, Farmers Trust Co. and others. In insurance he has five home companies: the Denver, Security, Franklin, Liberty and American. He also deals in stocks and bonds and can place money in large or small amounts at good rates of interest. He is also very successful with collections placed in his hands. Mr. Bedwell is also active socially, and is a member of the K. of P. and other orders.

General Agent Equitable Life Insurance Company, New York, (Kansas and Missouri.)

—Every man who has a family dependent upon him owes them a debt which he can pay in no way except to protect them by buying one of the short form *non contestable non forfeitable* policies, sold by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, represented by R. M. Henderson. This gentleman who is a native Ohian has been with the Equitable first in Illinois and then in Kansas for a period of sixteen years. Mr. Henderson is a Royal Arch Mason, an I. O. O. F., and also won for himself well deserved laurels in the late war, having entered the service when but a boy of sixteen as a private in company A, 80th Ohio volunteer infantry, won his way to the position of Orderly Sergeant. Mr. Henderson is an affable gentleman, was January 1st promoted to the position of general agent with the Equitable, and well deserves the confidence the company reposes in him.

Sam'l Hirst, Photographer.—This gentleman has been established in business here eight years. He is well known throughout the county, having lived here since 1872. He learned his business of his father. He has a pleasant studio, nicely fitted for his line and enjoys a large patronage. He is a member of the Masonic, A. O. U. W. and Mystic Circle fraternities. Mr. Hirst is a native of Wisconsin, and is a gentleman of courtesy and fine business ability.

J. F. Hammond, Coal, Flour and Feed.—Established in the spring of 1888, Mr. Hammond has conducted his business on the cash principle, thereby being able to offer superior goods at reasonable prices. His office and yard at No. 21 Avenue A East, are well equipped for his line of business. He keeps two wagons. He is a native of Ohio and lived in Missouri previous to his coming to Hutchinson in 1883. He has farmed for a number of years. He is a United Workman. He served in the 8th Illinois Regiment for three years.

The Times-Republican, Sponsler Bros., Publishers.—A rising paper exemplifying Hutchinson's rapid progress is the *Times-Republican*, engineered by A. L. and J. L. Sponsler. It was formed July 1, 1890, by the consolidation of the *Times*, established December 6, 1889, the *Republican*, established March 23, 1889, and the *Sylvia Herald*, established April 4, 1888. Messrs. Sponsler ran the *Times*;

Botkin & Carr were owners of the *Republican*. The *Sylvia Herald* was the property of Dan F. Dugan. They are in the Zimmerman block. The paper is an 8-page, 6-columns and has a circulation of 1,325. They also have all kinds of fancy job type and do work in this line unsurpassed. Messrs. Sponsler Bros. are progressive young men who thoroughly understand every detail of the business. A. L. is editor, J. L. business manager. They employ three compositors and well deserve their success.

The Hutchinson News, Daily and Weekly.—Hutchinson is famous for two things: its salt and the enterprise of its daily paper. The paper dates its career from 1881, when Ralph M. Easley became proprietor. In 1887 a stock company was formed, capital \$50,000, Mr.

Easley retaining his position as president and managing editor. In 1885 was commenced the issue of an evening daily, and two years later it changed to a morning paper. The paper is a seven-column quarto and is a member of the Associated Press. The building is two stories, 100x100 feet. It is divided into bindery, business offices, press room, editorial rooms, composing rooms, etc. Fifty people are employed, and a Potter newspaper and three cylinder job presses are in use. Mr. Easley is a native of Illinois; he came to Kansas in 1875, and has grown up with Hutchinson. The business manager, Will C. Kegel, is a native of Iowa and has been connected with newspapers in his native State fifteen years; for the last five he has been manager of a Des Moines journal. He took charge of the office here in May, 1890.

NICKERSON.

NICKERSON, Reno County. The thriving little city of Nickerson with a population of some 1,300 people is located ten miles west of Hutchinson in Reno County. It is the division town of the Santa Fe which has an extensive machine shop here.

The depot here was built in 1872 the station being named after the then president of the Santa Fe, Thos. Nickerson. In 1674 the town site of what is now old Nickerson was laid off. In 1878 the present town site was laid off. The post office was started in 1873; the first school house was built in 1874; the first newspaper started in 1878. The wooden bridge across the Arkansas River here was completed in 1879.

The town has all lines of business represented and has a small but paying salt works. The support of the town is the railroad shops and the fertile country surrounding it.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF NICKERSON.

Dr. J. A. Wilson.—There is no name better known among the medical profession of Reno County, than that of Dr. J. A. Wilson. He was born in Ohio, and possesses many of the splendid personal qualities which mark Ohio's sons. He graduated from the Kentucky school of medicine in 1881; afterwards he went to Iowa, where he practiced six years. He has been in Nickerson only three and one-half years, but has proved himself a substantial benefit to the community at large. He is quite a society man, being an active member of the K. P., the Masonic, the Woodmen and of the Mystic Shrine orders.

T. B. Enochs, Prescription Druggist.—The proprietor of this enterprise bought out the former owner, in January, 1890. He was born in Illinois and was in other business three years in Kansas City, and also owner of a

drug store for some time prior to entering into business here. The store is one of the most eligible in Nickerson, is well filled with a \$3,500 stock of drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines and druggists' sundries. Mr. Enochs employs a registered pharmacist of ten years' experience, who is regarded as one of the most reliable in the State. Mr. Enochs is a prominent Mason and though he has been in Nickerson such a short time, he is greatly interested in the advancement of our town and county.

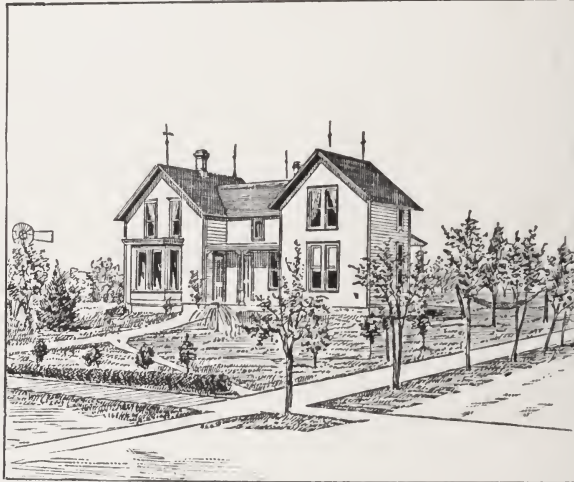
Hutchinson Hardware Company, W. B. Forker, Manager.—The branch house of this company in Nickerson is under the supervision of W. B. Forker, and is the only hardware house in the town. The store was established in February, 1889; it is 25x90 feet, with cellars; in addition there is a carriage house, an implement house, etc. The stock comprises shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, tinware, agricultural implements and sewing machines; they also run a tinshop. Two men are employed. Mr. Forker, the manager, is a native of the Buckeye State. He has been in Kansas since 1880, and in the hardware business in Hutchinson since 1883. He possesses superior business ability and is affable and courteous.

J. W. Claypool, the well known postmaster was born and raised in Indiana, he rendered valuable service to the Union as one of the 10th regiment, of which President Harrison was also a member. Mr. Claypool was a courageous and self possessed soldier, he was wounded at Resaca. He came to Reno County in May, 1876, and lived on a farm. In 1882 Mr. Claypool was elected as representative to the state legislature, and in 1890 was appointed postmaster. As a representative and a government officer, he has proven himself to be a capable and efficient man. He is quick, active, and has at the same time a pleasant and affable manner; he is full of business and attends to his duties promptly. Mr. Claypool is a gentleman of exceptionally good judgment, and an important aid to Nickerson's standing and prosperity.

LYONS.

LYONS is the county seat of Rice County, the center county of the State. She was organized in 1877 as a city of the third class, after being elected capital of the county. In 1880 the Marion & McPherson railroad built through the city, and she began a rapid and solid growth which continued until 1886, when she secured branches of the Missouri Pacific and Frisco roads and began on a remarkable boom, which continued throughout this and the following years. Her population increased to 2,700, and she stood the fortieth city in size in

stantial school buildings, comprising three large two-story bricks; schools, conducted by a corps of eleven superior educators; a complete and superior water system, with several miles of mains; an electric light system of arc lamps for lighting the streets, and an incandescent system for business houses; elevators of large capacity; a large two-story brick pottery capable of turning out superior ware; six large church buildings; a company organized for the purpose of mining salt from the 300-foot vein of pure chloride of sodium which under-



RESIDENCE OF MAYOR ALONZO FONES, LYONS.

the State. A move was then started, and carried through in 1888, to incorporate as a city of the second class, she having more than a sufficient population.

The business portion of the city is built around a public square, in the center of which are the county buildings. Thirty-one two and three-story brick and plate glass front store rooms face the square, and East Avenue also has several.

Two first-class hotels are among the important business ventures of the city. Both are three-story bricks, and are fitted throughout with all modern improvements.

Her pride is in her handsome business buildings, which are occupied by live, enterprising merchants; elegant and costly residences; sub-

stantial school buildings, comprising three large two-story bricks; schools, conducted by a corps of eleven superior educators; a complete and superior water system, with several miles of mains; an electric light system of arc lamps for lighting the streets, and an incandescent system for business houses; elevators of large capacity; a large two-story brick pottery capable of turning out superior ware; six large church buildings; a company organized for the purpose of mining salt from the 300-foot vein of pure chloride of sodium which under-

lies the city, and which is now at work sinking a great shaft nine hundred feet to the hidden riches. One hundred thousand dollars will be expended before any salt is prepared for the market. It will be the greatest mine in America. The shaft will be completed by April 1, 1890.

Lyons is one of the most desirable cities of Kansas for a residence, on account of the social, religious and educational advantages she offers, and this fact is recognized by a class of citizens of splendid character who are seeking a home here.

Surrounded by the richest agricultural portion of the richest agricultural State, she thus has a source of never failing wealth to offer those who cast their fortunes with her.

Lyons wants a flouring mill.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LYONS.

Alonzo Fones, Mayor.—The present mayor of Lyons is Mr. Alonzo Fones, a citizen since 1879. Mr. Fones is a native of Illinois and since coming to Lyons has been prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of the city. He is the proprietor of a large steam elevator and for many years has been an extensive grain dealer. Mr. Fones has also been largely interested in real estate; has platted five additions to the city, containing in all nearly 200 acres, and one of them embracing the land where the elevators and Santa Fe depot now stand. Through all his dealings he has maintained his firm, honest character and good name. The office of mayor is perhaps not a very arduous or responsible one, but it shows the good will and respect of his neighbors and friends to insist upon his occupying the place of honor.

Cooper & Plumb, Grain and Live Stock.—Rice County is one of the best grain counties in the state. Among grain buyers Cooper & Plumb are well known. They have two elevators one at Lyons and one at Mitchell seven miles east. The capacity of each is about 1,500 bushels. These gentlemen are both experienced grain men. Mr. C. A. Cooper has been running these two elevators for five years. He came from Wisconsin, was a Miller by trade, and ran the mill at this place for two years before it burned down. He has been in the milling business all his life, in Wisconsin, Nebraska and other points. Mr. Cooper is a Pythian and socially a very pleasant gentleman. His partner, Mr. A. C. Plumb, just bought into the business July 1st, 1890. He has been in the grain business at this point for twelve years, and is well posted.

J. C. Seaward, Treasurer of Rice County.—The office of county treasurer is held by Mr. J. C. Seaward a gentleman of known ability and integrity. Mr. Seaward was first elected in the fall of 1887 and re-elected in the fall of 1889. Mr. Seaward was born in Ohio, but moved to Howard County Indiana, when but twelve year old. He was engaged in farming up to the beginning of the rebellion when he entered the Union army and served his country through many hard fought battles for three years. In 1872 he came to Rice County and again engaged in farming till the people called him to his present position. Mr. Seaward is one of the solid men of Rice County. Mr. Seaward is courteous and gentlemanly and has many friends; he is an Odd Fellow and a prominent member of the G. A. R.

A. L. McMillan, Register of Deeds.—A popular official of Rice County is the register of deeds, Mr. A. L. McMillan. Born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, he came to Kansas sixteen years ago. He was formerly one of the editors of the *Sterling Gazette*, and few men have more personal friends in the county. Mr. McMillan is a member of the K. of P. and is personally a pleasant and affable gentleman.

S. Stoddard, Sheriff of Rice County.—The sheriff of Rice County is an old citizen, peculiarly fitted for this position. He was born and raised at Valparaiso, Ind. He came to Rice County twelve years ago and has been farming up to the fall of 1887, when he was elected sheriff. He was re-elected in fall of 1889. Mr. Stoddard, in his official capacity, knows neither friend nor enemy. He served in the 12th Indiana cavalry during the war and after the war he quietly resumed his calling of a farmer, and now declares his intention of returning to the farm when his term of office expires. Mr. Stoddard is a member of the G. A. R.

L. C. Russell, Second Hand Goods.—One of the unique characters of Lyons is Mr. L. C. Russell, second hand dealer. Born in London, England, he came to the United States thirty-five years ago and to Rice County twenty years ago. He was the fourth man in the county, and for a long time followed buffalo hunting for a living. He has killed thousands of buffalo for the hides, and has hunted them right where the town site now stands. He has been in his present business eleven months and does a good business. In his establishment you can find anything from a cook stove to a hand saw and can be accommodated with the most reasonable prices.

H. P. Smith, D. D. S.—One of the prominent men of Lyons, is H. P. Smith, the dentist. Mr. Smith was born in Massachusetts, attended the Boston Dental College in 1869, and afterwards graduated from the University of Nashville, Tennessee. He has a fine library and all the latest and most approved instruments for his profession. Mr. Smith was three years in the Army of the Potomac, and was in sixteen or seventeen of the great battles; he was twice wounded. He is a prominent member of the Methodist church, a member of the A. O. U. W., and also of the M. W. of A., and is an ornament to the community in which he resides.

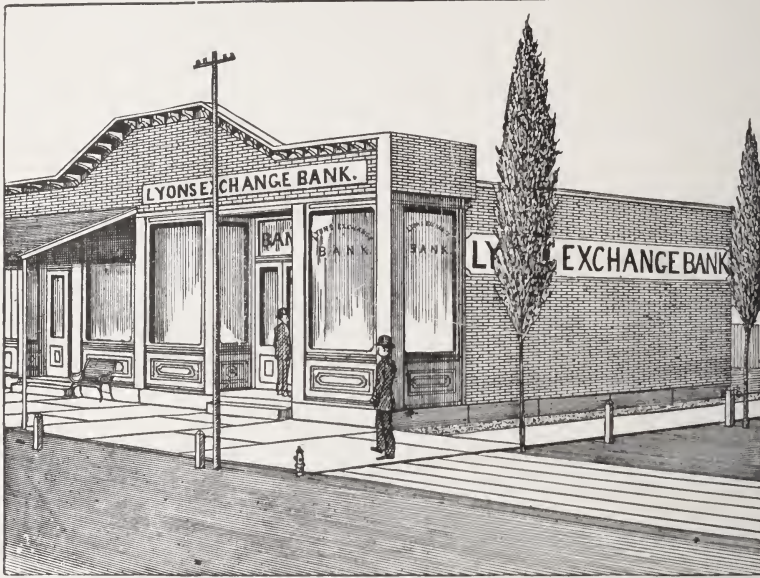
John Deaton, Groceries.—The grocery business conducted by Mr. John Deaton, on north side of public square is worthy of special mention. The room is 25x80 feet and contains a varied stock of staple and fancy groceries, flour, feed, queensware, etc. Mr. Deaton was born in Morgan County, Illinois, he attended the Illinois College at Jacksonville. Being dependent on his own resources he taught school for six years and then engaged in farming. Two years ago he came to Lyons and engaged in the grain business. Successful at that he bought out Lamtz, Marshall & Co. about a year ago, and has conducted the business with his usual energy and success.

T. Corning, City Coal Yards.—Among the men who have been instrumental in building up Lyons, Judge T. Corning occupies a place. Born and raised in Canada, he has been in the United States thirty-five years, and for the last fourteen years a citizen of Lyons. He built the mill at this point and continued in the milling business up to 1886, when he sold out. He now does an extensive wholesale business

in flour, bran and coal. Two years ago he was elected Justice of the Peace. Trained in experience of the world he knows what is right between man and man, and his townsmen have seldom occasion to find fault with his decisions.

Lyons Exchange Bank.—Was organized in 1887. Its policy is accommodating as far as consistent with a safe and legitimate banking business and it has the good will and confidence of the people. Mr. E. V. Thompson,

forty sleeping rooms, its ample dining room, parlors, sample rooms. J. M. Ross was born in Virginia and has lived in the west thirty years; he has seen a large part of Europe and America. For three years in the Union army, he was in seventy-two battles and skirmishes, and never received a scratch. He is a member of the G. A. R., a Mason and Odd Fellow, has served in the city council and was formerly one of the directors of the First National Bank. At present he is devoting a good deal of attention to raising thoroughbred hogs; he has one of the



president, is a well known capitalist of Louisville, Ky. The vice president, Mr. E. K. Miller, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Thompson. Mr. C. A. Dean, the affable cashier, is a thorough-going Western man, and well posted on the business of Central Kansas. He was formerly in mercantile life in Burton, Kan.; came here three years ago and helped start the bank and has conducted its affairs most successfully. He is ably assisted by Mr. J. H. Eble. Mr. Eble came here as bookkeeper when the bank was organized. He was made assistant cashier last July, and is a valuable man to the concern.

Occidental Hotel, Rates \$2.00 per day, J. M. Ross, proprietor.—The Occidental Hotel on East Avenue is one of the institutions that Lyons is proud of. The structure 70x90 feet a three story brick was erected in 1884, with its

finest farms in the State, one and one half miles south of the city, stocked with 200 head of thoroughbred Poland-China hogs.

The Lyons Tribune.—A. W. Hoyt, publisher, Elbert W. Hoyt, editor. The *Tribune* is the official paper of Rice County, and has an extensive circulation throughout the county. It is a six column quarto, and is published from one of the most complete and best equipped offices in central Kansas. It is a continuation of old papers and has not failed to print a weekly paper for twelve years. Straight republican in politics, it has won its way to popular favor in a comparatively short period of time. Its presses are of the best and are supplied with motive power by steam.

STERLING.

WHAT is now the busy city of Sterling was, on the 15th day of January, 1872, organized as Peace by a corporation known as the Peace Town Company. At that time Rice County had been organized, and a town of about

twenty-five inhabitants, called Atlanta and located near where the old Santa Fe trail crossed Cow Creek, was designated as the county seat. Newton was the end of the railroad and was noted for being the toughest

place in the State, while Hutchinson had just been located. Those more prominent in the location and early history of Peace were H. P. Ninde, J. B. Schlichter, Mahlon Stubbs, William and Doctor Hunt, E. Hadlock and Messrs. Landis and Hollinger.

On June 26, 1872, the first train arrived, and the quiet little village received new life and energy. Its location in the midst of the rich and fertile lands of the great Arkansas valley contributed much to its permanent prosperity, and in April, 1875, it was incorporated as a city of the third class and its name changed to Sterling. After the famous grass-hopper visitation there was a temporary check in the tide of immigration, but the inducements offered by this climate and fine soil soon brought the home-seekers to the great valley of the American Nile. The grass-hopper failed to revisit the scenes of his former devastation, and the wonderful wheat harvests of the following years brought many immigrants who possessed the means for making early and permanent improvements on their lands.

During the succeeding year, which may properly be termed the "boom period," Sterling pushed quietly but steadily ahead, without the big gun or brass band and bond voting attachments so generally acquired by the western cities about this time. She made many needed and permanent improvements, and kept well abreast with the legitimate requirements of the times and the great, rich country tributary to her. She erected substantial business buildings, but no more than her business needed. She built many beautiful churches and school houses. Her citizens and the farmers all about planted groves, and lined the streets and public and private roads with trees. She secured the location, built the fine buildings, and helped in the endowment of a fine institution of learning, the Cooper Memorial College, which is under the direct management of the united Presbyterian church of the State.

Sterling established and maintains the largest sorghum syrup works in the world. She was the pioneer city in the sorghum sugar industry, and the government has its experimental station for sorghum sugar in this city. She was the pioneer in the salt industry, and has works now turning out the purest and best pan evaporated salt in the United States, the capacity now being about 400 barrels per day, with a good prospect of a four-fold increase immediately.

The amount and quality of corn and wheat grown in the country tributary to Sterling has

become well known of all men who read. It has made necessary the erection of three large grain elevators, and the building of two big roller mills, which supply the entire surrounding country with the finest flour in use. The almost total absence of crop failures has made this a great stock country, and especially for the best grades of horses. Our dealers ship fine horses to the uttermost sections of the country, east, west and to the south as far as the City of Mexico.

Sterling has become the greatest broom-corn market in the country, and the largest buyers in the east make annual pilgrimages to this city to secure the choice stock from first hands. Fruits and produce command the very highest prices, as our shippers supply the eastern, southern and western markets, and are usually behind in filling their orders.

Sterling is an important station on the main line of the Santa Fe route, and on the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Denver. Before the reader sees this in type the proposed gulf road from Omaha to Galveston will be under construction through Rice County and Sterling, giving direct communication with tide water and the great north country. Also, the project of an electric road between Sterling and Lyons, the county seat, ten miles to the north has been matured and will be built and put in operation as quickly as possible. This will add very largely to the convenience of both cities, and the further success of the fine college.

The question of fine water supply must not be overlooked in the vicinity of Sterling. The great valley of the Arkansas has a system of sub-irrigation which is the secret of great success in raising good crops in dry seasons. Almost anywhere in the valley the finest, coolest water can be had by driving a well to from twenty to thirty feet, and the supply is simply inexhaustable. The city of Sterling has a fine system of water works, pumping the supply from this great reservoir, and furnishing not only business houses, factories, and residences, but the best fire protection of any city in the state of its size. It has a well organized fire department, equipped with hose carts, hook and ladder wagon, all of the best kinds.

To any one seeking a place for a permanent home, either in the city or out, Sterling possesses advantages not to be found elsewhere. The fine climate, abundance of good water, healthful surroundings, the finest soil ever cultivated, and growing the greatest variety of products, the best market for everything

yet offered for sale, the good and increasing facilities for travel or shipping; the educational, religious and social privileges, the thrifty, contented, happy life surroundings of the people, all these and much more, contribute to make Sterling a very desirable place to live in or near. Reader, whether you are interested or not in the points presented in this brief narration, please permit the suggestion, that everything of the "boom" nature has been carefully avoided, and that the cold, undeniable facts will more than bear out all that is here offered.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF STERLING.

Citizens State Bank.—Among the leading financial concerns of Sterling the Citizens State Bank stands at the front. Their capital stock is \$50,000, and undivided profits on June 30, 1890, were \$10,539.35, and deposits over twenty-five thousand dollars, while they had loaned out \$54,836.07. Their two story brick building is at the corner of Broadway and Monroe, and fitted out and furnished in the best of style. Mr. T. H. Brown, the president, is a well known business man. The active management of the bank is in the hands of Thomas Atkinson a financier of known ability; he was born near Chicago and raised a farmer; he entered the 132nd Illinois infantry, and was mustered out with the regiment in 1864. He was engaged in mercantile business in Benton County, Iowa, till 1876; was assistant cashier of the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of Vinton, until the spring of 1881 when he assisted by Mr. Brown, organized a bank in Norway, and was cashier of that for six years. In 1887 he, assisted by T. H. Brown and J. J. Messenger, organized the State Bank of Florence, and in the fall they came to Sterling and organized this bank.

The Sterling Salt Co. is practically an enterprise of the bank management, and is developing comparatively a new industry in Central Kansas. At Sterling they have struck a bed of pure salt at a depth of 700 feet, inexhaustible in quantity and of the very finest quality. The bed is about 250 feet thick. The Sterling Salt Co. was organized about three years ago. Mr. T. H. Brown, president; J. C. Turner, vice president and treasurer; Dr. P. P. Trueheart, secretary. The works are located about one-fourth miles east of the city. The evaporating process is used in obtaining the salt; a shaft is sunk for about 200 feet into the salt, and water pumped down which dissolves the salt and forms a strong brine; by forcing water down the pipe the brine is propelled upward between the pipe and a surrounding casing. It runs into an immense tank, and from there to large vats where heat is applied. All the impurities are precipitated at a lower

temperature in the first vat, and the brine runs into the second vat where a greater degree of heat is applied, and the salt is precipitated white and pure. The capacity of the works is about four hundred barrels per day and the actual output at present is about two hundred and fifty barrels. Mr. T. H. Brown is president of the salt company as well as the bank, and is a man of fine ability, formerly from Iowa, where he was engaged in banking and in mercantile pursuits. He is still interested in a large implement house there. A member of the Masonic order, a good citizen, plain and unassuming in manner—he may well be classed as one of the leading men of Kansas. J. C. Turner, the vice-president of the concern, was born and raised in Southern Ohio; was in the hardware business in Illinois for ten years, and has been in the same business for eleven years in Sterling. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank; has been five terms in the city council and is one of the public spirited citizens of the town. The secretary of the company is Dr. P. P. Trueheart, a sketch of whom will also be found in another part of this work. At the works the company have for manager Mr. Barber C. Truesdale, a gentleman who knows the salt business from beginning to end. He was formerly manager of works in New York, and was one of the first men whose services were brought into requisition in developing the same industry at Hutchinson.

The Sterling Bulletin.—One of the leading papers in Rice County is the *Sterling Bulletin*, a six-column quarto, Republican in politics, established in 1877. January 1, 1888, the present editor, Mr. Jno. E. Junkins, took charge. For six months he ran it as a daily with marked success and ability, but, the town proving too small, it is now published weekly. The circulation of the paper is second to but one in the county and its influence is largely felt in this section. The *Bulletin* has the confidence of the community. Its editor, Mr. Jno. E. Junkins was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, in 1860. He is a printer by trade and has been engaged in newspaper work all his life. He founded the *Record* at Chase and published it for about eighteen months. At the beginning of 1888 he took the paper here. The office is the best equipped in Rice County and gives employment to four people. Mr. Junkins is the present postmaster of Sterling, having taken charge on August 1, 1890. He is popular and well liked in his official position—genial and courteous to everybody.

V. M. Patterson, Agent Missouri Pacific Company.—The efficient and genial agent of the Missouri Pacific at Sterling is Mr. V. M. Patterson. Mr. Patterson is a native of New York, and is a stenographer by profession. He is a Royal Arch Mason. He was in the Fourth United States Regular Cavalry and was honorably discharged in July, 1875. He followed his profession as stenographer up to three years ago, when he accepted a position as agent for the Missouri Pacific at Corwin, Kansas. He held the position there for one year

and then came as their agent to Sterling. Mr. Patterson is a wide-awake genial gentleman, with a pleasant word for everybody. The business of the Missouri Pacific will not suffer while in the hands of such a man as V. M. Patterson. His standing amongst his fellow agents is shown by his election to the office of Second Vice President of the Railway Agents' Association in May, 1890.

Johnston & Brown, Real Estate and Loan Exchange.—These gentlemen do a large real estate and loan business, and in addition give especial attention to collections. They represent such concerns as the Topeka Safe Deposit and Trust Company, the Farm, Land, Mortgage and Debenture Company of Topeka, and the Union Security Company of Emporia. Mr. J. C. Johnston is a self made man, born and raised in Ohio. He ran a threshing machine and corn sheller for nine years, was elected justice of the peace and held the office five years, during which time he studied law and was admitted to the bar at this place. Mr. Johnston is a sound lawyer more given to the practical application of the law than to any fine spun theorizing. Mr. T. R. Brown was formerly from Louisville, Kentucky; he was chief book keeper for D. J. Fair for nine years, is and old citizen having come here in 1872 or '73; prior to entering the present firm he was engaged in mercantile business. During the war he was in the Union army, and yet carries a bullet under the shoulder as a souvenir of hard fought battles; he belongs to the G. A. R., is a prominent member of the Masonic and K. of P.

Morris & Kern, General Merchants.—Messrs. Morris and Kern, two young men full of hope and energy, opposed to all moss-back methods, have built up a trade in the four years that they have been established that is simply wonderful. The business this year will aggregate \$80,000, more, perhaps, than any other similar business in the county. The commodious brick building at 111 and 113 Broadway is 44 by 72 feet, two stories and basement and wareroom in the rear. They carry groceries, dry goods and clothing, and, in addition, are extensive shippers of produce. They employ eleven people and three delivery wagons. Mr. George A. Morris was born and raised in Peoria, Ill., and is yet scarcely more than a boy. He has been in Sterling for eleven years, six years of the time working for R. J. Shay, grocer. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Alfred Kern came from Edwardsville, Ill. He was formerly assistant cashier of the State Bank, and is a stockholder in that institution. He is also a Mason. The people seem to have recognized that here is a young firm who are determined by fair dealing, honorable conduct and business enterprise to succeed, and so have accorded them a liberal and generous patronage.

Joe Mitchell, Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Pumps, Etc.—The implement business is a noticable feature of most Kansas town; the business in this line conducted by

Mr. Joe Mitchell, is an important enterprise in Sterling. The fine large store at the corner of Main Street and Broadway is 22x70 feet, with an addition back 22x40 for storing wagons and implements. Mr. Mitchell has been in the business since 1882, and is one of the best known business men in this section; he was raised in Ohio but has been in Kansas for eleven years. He was three years in the Union army during the war, and spent six months as a prisoner in Andersonville. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Mitchell is also a large real estate owner, has two farms near the city, besides property in town. He is a valued citizen and one of the solid business men of this section.

Dr. Trueheart.—Among professional men of Sterling none stand higher than Dr. P. P. Trueheart. Born and raised at Prince Edwards, Va., he attended the Hampden Sidney College for a session and afterwards the Hospital Medical College of Louisville, Ky., from which he graduated in 1876. He practiced a year and a half in Kentucky, and then began his career in Sterling. For thirteen years he has practiced his profession with marked success in Sterling, and is not only a leading physician, but a leading citizen. He is the local surgeon for the Missouri Pacific. Dr. Trueheart was formerly surgeon for the Santa Fe, and was Mayor of the city during 1886 and 1887. It was during his term as Mayor that the water works were built, and the doctor gave his personal attention and much valuable time to their construction. He is Secretary of the Sterling Salt Works, a sketch of whose plant will be found in this work, and is the patentee of an apparatus for heating and settling brine by which fully one-fourth more heat is utilized than in the old process. As a professional man Dr. Trueheart stands in the very first rank, and as a citizen is highly valued and respected.

Wm. Scheth, Resident Dentist.—Mr. Wm. Scheth the dentist has been established in Sterling since 1878 and the longer he stays the more popular he becomes. He was born and raised in Seneca County, Ohio; studied dentistry at Tipton, Ohio, and after a thorough practical training began its practice, first in Ohio, then in Illinois, and twelve years ago he located here. Mr. Scheth's skill as a dentist is well known; he keeps posted on the latest methods and has all the best instruments for the exercise of his calling. He is a prominent Mason—Blue Lodge and chapter, worthy master of the lodge here, and also a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows. Mr. Scheth takes great interest in society matters, and few men attain the knowledge and prominence in them that he has reached.

Hughes & Beckhøm, Valley Livery Stable.—The Valley livery stable was the first stable built in Sterling. It is situated on Broadway, is 44 by 170 feet in dimensions, and will accommodate sixty head of horses. The gentlemanly proprietors are

Messrs. Hughes and Beckham. They keep a full line of first-class rigs for livery and give special attention to their boarders. They also buy and sell horses, mules, cattle and hogs, and are the proprietors of the bus line. Mr. Hughes is one of the early settlers in Sterling, having come here sixteen years ago from Howard county, Missouri. He was at first engaged in the cattle business, and, in fact, has been handling stock all his life. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is an Odd Fellow. He is a successful business man and a good citizen, respected and honored in the community where he has lived so long. Mr. Beckham has been connected with the business for the last four years. He is from Union county, Ohio, and is largely interested in stock. He has a section of land east of the city, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. A mention of this stable would not be complete without bringing in the well-known figure of George W. Crownenshield. George has been with the stable almost ever since it was started, and is one of the best known men in the county.

D. B. Higley, Loans and Investments.—Mr. D. B. Higley is a young man who came to Sterling four years ago; he is the representative of the Kansas Loan and Trust Company of Topeka. He was born and raised in Rutland, Meigs County, Ohio, he removed from there to Jackson County, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming near Lees Summit; he was afterwards in real estate at Hutchinson for a year, and then came to Sterling. He is full of energy and enterprise, and the representative of the kind of men who have built up the new west. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Wm. H. Hornaday was born a few miles west of Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16, 1884, and resided on a farm with his father, Isaiah Hornaday, until he was sixteen. He attended the Christian University at Indianapolis until the summer of 1862; in July of that year, before he was eighteen, he enlisted in company F 63rd Indiana, and after the close of the war, was mustered out a first sergeant, having been engaged in the battles under Thomas and Schofield in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. In January 1866 he went to Chicago, and assisted in founding the independent newspaper at Harvard, Illinois, which he conducted until the summer of 1871. He made a trip over Kansas that year, as far as the

mountains, sending special correspondence to a number of eastern papers. He assisted C. C. Hutchinson in the location of the present city bearing his name, and returned to Chicago just in time for the great fire; this event prevented his return to Hutchinson, and he went to work for the *Chicago Times*. The election of the peoples combination ticket made him deputy county clerk, which office he held until December, 1877. In 1881 he resigned the position of railroad editor on the *Times* and became rate clerk in the great southwestern pool. He purchased a ranch in Southern Kansas in 1883, and early in the next year removed to Cowley County; here he engaged in sheep raising for four years. In 1887 he became associate editor of the *Daily Courier* at Winfield. During the next spring he, with his son Wallace H., established the *Record* at Udall. During the session of the Kansas legislature of 1889, he was made editor of the *House Journal*, and after the adjournment, assisted by the secretary of the senate with his record. He was one of the first postmasters appointed in Kansas by President Harrison. His field of newspaper work being limited, he sold the *Record* early in 1890, and purchased the *Gazette* at Sterling, which he and his son now conducts. He has been an earnest worker in the Grand Army, has organized and built up several posts. He was aide de camp and chief of staff for three of the commanders of the Department of Kansas. He has settled the *Gazette* in a permanent home which he purchased and arranged specially for it.

Hadlock & Gardner, Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Etc.—This fine, large store, 22 by 70 feet is filled with a splendid stock of furniture of latest designs, carpets, curtains and everything in their line. In addition, they make a specialty of undertaking, and have one of the finest hearses in the city. Mr. Hadlock came to this section in 1871, before the town was built, and took a claim. From the first he has been a prominent man, connected for years with the constable's and sheriff's offices, was in the Union army and is a member of the G. A. R. He is also a Pythian. He has been in business seven years, and his partner, I. A. Gardner, came into it in May, 1889. Mr. Gardner was born in Ohio, but has lived in Kansas fifteen years, engaged in various pursuits, and stands high in the estimation of his fellows.

GREAT BEND.

GREAT BEND is the county seat of Barton County, so named in honor of Mrs. Mary Barton, famed for her public services to the Government during the war in behalf of the union. Our town is situated on the Great Bend of the Arkansas river, being at the most extreme northern point the river reaches in its whole

course. Being in the Great Arkansas Valley it is surrounded by one of the most fertile countries west of the Mississippi. Great Bend has a population of about 3,500 in fact, but generally reputed as having 5,000.

We have fine county and first-class school buildings, sufficient for 1,200 pupils; have about

1,100 in daily attendance. The Central Kansas College is located at this point, having a building in elegance of construction and taste in architecture not second to any in the State, with a capacity for 600 students; has a full faculty of teachers with an attendance at present of something over 300. We are on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Kansas & Western and Missouri Pacific railroads, with a reasonable certainty of gaining an extension of the Rock Island and Burlington and Missouri Roads. We have street railways, fine tree shaded parks, well improved streets; have five fine churches of different denominations; have business buildings that will compare with any city of our population in the West; lodges of all the societies common to the eastern cities. The trade contributing to this town comes from a much larger area than this county, which in itself is twenty-five miles square, and has sown this year 132,000 acres of wheat, which at the average yield will produce quite 3,000,000 bushels of wheat. Our product for 1889 was 2,600,000 bushels from 82,000 acres. Should this year's yield (which now promises better than ever before) be as great as in the year 1889, our product will be over 4,000,000, which for the area of ground never was excelled or equalled in the world, except by McPherson County this State in the year 1883. The shrinkage in values of land in this State, as well as all over the country, now places this county and city among the most inviting points for location in business or for investment in real estate. Good lands can now be purchased within three or four miles of the county seat as low as \$10 per acre. Considering the high average of intelligence of our people, coupled with the moral and educational excellence, as well as the indomitable will and enterprise, no point in the country commands the respect of the homeseeker more than Great Bend and Barton County.

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REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GREAT BEND.

O. B. Wilson.—The present mayor of Great Bend was elected to this position by the people, not by party, in the spring of 1889. There were only nine votes cast against him, and part of those were for his wife. It was the largest majority ever obtained in a municipal contest in this city. Mr. Wilson is a native of Ohio, and was reared in Clark county, Iowa. He has traveled extensively through the United States engaged in selling goods and railroading. He came here in 1882, has been in the loan and real estate business for some

time, and was connected with the firm of Wilson & Co., druggists, for three years. He is a G. A. R. man, having served the Union one year. He is a Mason and K. of P., a large property owner and a prominent citizen.

Sturgis & Swartz, Attorneys.—This firm is one of the most influential at the bar of this city. The partnership has been in existence since March, 1889. Mr. Sturgis was born and reared in Pennsylvania. He was educated in the University of West Virginia and studied law in the same institution. He was admitted to the bar in 1885 and came to Great Bend in 1886. He was connected with Mr. Nimocks for two years previous to this present partnership. Mr. Swartz is a son of the Buckeye state. He has been in Great Bend but a short time, being admitted to the bar here in 1889. He read law with Ady, of Newton. He was also in the office of Nimocks at this place. The reliability of the firm is of the highest, and the copartnership is a pleasant and prosperous one.

Langham & Son., Boots, Shoes and Rubber Goods.—Prominent among business institutions in Great Bend stands the firm of Langham & Son, who keep the feet of the citizens in trim order. Mr. Langham was born in Nottingham, England, seventy years ago. He is now well established in the boot and shoe business in Great Bend, in a store-room 25x85, that holds his elegant stock valued at about \$6,000. His business requires two people besides himself to keep it going. Mr. Langham left his native land for the United States about forty-five years ago. He has been in Barton County, Kansas, about fourteen years, and excepting nine years spent on a ranch, has devoted his whole life to the business he is now in. Mr. Langham is president of the city council, of which he has been a member for two years.

D. G. Gibbons, Dentist.—Great Bend extends a hearty welcome to Dr. D. G. Gibbons who came to this city in April last. Dr. Gibbons was reared in Kansas and studied his profession at Medicine Lodge. He has practiced in Syracuse, Saratoga and other towns in the state. He is well qualified, and is rapidly rising in his profession. His dental rooms are pleasant and furnished with all modern conveniences.

S. J. Day, Attorney at Law.—Was born and raised in Canton, New York. He received a classical education at Canton Academy, after which he read law for three years with John D. Russell at Canton. He was here admitted to the bar in 1859. During 1860 Mr. Day stumped the State of Illinois for Lincoln. In 1861 he entered the army, serving four months. For some time he was actively engaged in raising troops and filling regiments. In 1865 Mr. Day settled at Monticello, Missouri, where he practiced law for ten years, being a portion of that time prosecuting attorney for Lewis County. Great Bend was pleased to welcome Mr. Day as a citizen in 1875. In 1876 he was elected county attorney. Since that time he has been city attorney.

Morgan Caraway, Postmaster and Editor *Great Bend Register*.—This popular gentleman and leading politician was born and raised in Virginia. He has been in Kansas for six years. His strong individuality at once identifies him with the best interests of the public in any place he live. He was for two years principal of the high school here, and is one of the board of examiners of Manhattan Agricultural College. Last year he was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Kansas. Thus it is that places of public trust and honor seek the man who shows himself worthy.

The Great Bend Register, Morgan Caraway, Editor.—That mighty power, the press, is ably represented in Great Bend by the *Register*, established in 1874 by Mr. A. J. Hoisington, who sold it to E. L. Chapman, who edited it from 1884 till last March, when the present editor took charge of it. Mr. Caraway is a gentleman of broad culture and high literary attainments. The *Register* is staunch Republican, and is published weekly. To the influence of this able exponent of the public good Great Bend owes much of her prosperity.

G. G. Davison, Dentist.—Of the names connected with the dental profession none are better known than Davison. Dr. Davison is a native of New York. He was reared in Virginia. He was educated in New York State, but studied his profession in the Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia and the Baltimore College of Maryland. He practiced in Lexington, Virginia, for twenty-eight years. He came west in 1886, locating at Great Bend. He is a member of the Southern Dental Association and of the Kansas Dental Association. He was elected professor of Lake Forest University, Chicago. Before coming west he was vice president of the Virginia Dental Association.

William Bruesser, General Merchandise.—Was established eight years ago. The premises are 25 by 70 feet. The stock consists of a full line of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, farm produce, canned goods, pickles, etc., dry goods, ladies' and gent's furnishing goods and queensware, running between \$7,000 and \$8,000. He employs two clerks. Mr. Bruesser is a staunch republican. He has been councilman three times. Mr. Bruesser was born and reared in Germany. He has been in America for twenty years. He was in the merchandise business in Potosi, Mo., for three years previous to his coming to Kansas. He has resided in Peabody and was mayor during 1889 and 1890. He had one of the finest residences in that city, and returned to Great Bend but a short time ago and was heartily welcomed both as a citizen and as an Odd Fellow and Knight Templar.

L. M. Krause, County Treasurer.—As a man of integrity and of fine business qualifications, no one stands higher than L. M. Krause, treasurer of Barton County. He has been elected to this office two consecutive terms. He is a native of Wurtenburg, Germany; came

to the United States when but three years old, and lived in Pennsylvania till he was fourteen, when he moved to New York, locating in Channing County. Since coming to Great Bend he has been engaged in farming and stock raising until elected to this office. While on a farm he was township trustee for twelve or fourteen years. He has large interests in the Great Bend Implement Co.

W. R. Bunting, Clerk of the District Court.—The well known clerk of the district court is another popular young Republican of this county. He was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and has been in Kansas about fourteen years. He has been engaged in farming and business. Mr. Bunting was at one time mayor of Pawnee Rock. In his office he has an able assistant in Miss F. A. Smith. He is full of business, attends to duties promptly and is an amiable and social gentleman.

Shaw & Company's Drug Store.—This is a very attractive and complete establishment. The building is a handsome brick, 50x140 feet, with a good basement. The second story is used as an opera house. It was built in 1886. Mr. Shaw has occupied it from the first, and now owns it, having bought in July, 1890. The store-room, 25x75 feet, is light, spacious and nicely finished in modern style. The stock of drugs is as complete as will be found in any first class drug store; the firm also handles paints, oils, lead, etc. The stock is worth from eighteen to twenty thousand dollars. The establishment is indeed a credit to the profession.

S. J. Shaw, M. D.—Dr. Shaw is a native of Morrow county, Ohio, and graduated from the Starling college of the same state. He has been here eight years, and has been steadily rising in his profession. He is surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad, president of the United States pension board, county coroner and county health officer. His career has been one that has gained for him the confidence and esteem of the community. He owns a good deal of property, including the brick opera block, where he has a fine drug store. He is a Mason and K. of P.

Chas. A. Hooper, Druggist.—With the drug trade of Barton County the name of Charlie Hooper is identified. He has been in business here for five years, one of which he was in partnership with Mr. M. Trellis. His store is on Main Street and occupies three floors, each 25x100 feet. He carries a twelve thousand dollar stock which is complete in every detail. He employs three clerks and pays personal attention to all prescriptions. Mr. Hooper has, besides his stock of drugs, a large supply of school books, etc., and a full assortment of jewelry and fancy articles. He has also a full line of wall paper which he sells at the lowest prices possible. Mr. H. was born in Indiana. He came west to Atchison when quite young, and was there twelve years before coming to Great Bend in 1885. He is a good business man, a useful member of the community, and has many warm friends.

Theo. Griffith, Groceries and Queensware.—This business was established in 1887 and has become popular throughout city and county. Mr. Griffith keeps a good stock of staple and fancy groceries, table delicacies, canned goods and high grades of teas and coffees. His store is 25x90 feet; his stock is worth \$3,500. He employs three clerks. Mr. Griffith was born and reared in Ohio. He came to Kansas twelve years ago and engaged in farming in Ness County and cattle raising in the Cheyenne Bottoms for seven years. He is a K. of P. and well liked by all who know him.

D. E. Benedict & Co., Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—This stable is located on Main street, occupying two buildings, 30x50 feet and 30x70 feet, and can accommodate fifty-four horses. Messrs. Benedict keep thirty horses for hack and livery purposes; also buggies, surreys, carriages and hacks. They keep three hacks out all the time. They keep two hearse; also five roadster stallions. They carry a large quantity of feed and employ competent men to care for animals boarded there. They guarantee ready sale for any stock placed in their hands. Mr. Benedict has been a veterinary surgeon for the past eighteen years, is the only one in the city. He was born and raised in Wisconsin, and came to Kansas twenty years ago. He first engaged in farming, but afterwards drifted into the horse business. He entered the Union army when a boy of fifteen summers, and was in the service twenty-two months, and attained the rank of corporal. He has been deputy sheriff, constable and councilman. He is a popular Odd Fellow and Grand Army man.

Frank Lightfoot, M. D.—Dr. Lightfoot is an Englishman by birth, has been in the United States thirty-six years, coming here when he was a boy of four. He was educated in Wisconsin and studied medicine in Rush College, in Chicago, graduating from there in 1876. He practiced one year in Neenah, Wis., and one year in northern Michigan, coming to Great Bend in 1878. In 1883 he went to Arizona to act as surgeon for the Ayre Lumber company for two years. He then returned to this city and resumed his old practice, which has grown to be all that he can attend to. He is not a theorist, but a practical man.

W. W. Culver, Grain Dealer.—In connection with his grain trade Mr. Culver has a large elevator, capacity twelve thousand bushels. He ships four hundred cars annually; he makes a specialty of milling wheat, chop and roller meal. He was born in Illinois and raised in Iowa. He has been in Kansas eleven years in the implement and grain business. He is a young man of honorable principles and chivalrous manner, and has won hosts of friends.

R. F. Pleger, Lumber.—Mr. R. F. Pleger, dealer in lumber, is one of the men by whose ambition and business ability cities are built up. He was born in Germany; has been in the United States about sixteen years; Great Bend has been proud to claim him as a citizen about eight years. He was six years bookkeeper for

the lumber firm of Brinkman Brothers & Guinn. Two years ago he bought out the firm and is now manager of a prosperous business occupying half a block on South Main street. Here may be found a large stock of every kind of lumber, besides sash, doors and blinds, lath, shingles, lime, cement, stucco and in fact everything pertaining to the lumber trade. Mr. Pleger is a member of the principal secret societies, and a representative citizen in every way. He is also connected with the Great Bend Implement Co.

C. B. Morgan, Saddles and Harness.—Mr. Morgan has been in business here sixteen years, always in his present location. He has on hand harness, saddles, bridles, collars, blankets, robes, harness oil, etc. He makes a specialty of fine leather work and repairing, employing competent men. He sells the Warner featherbone whip, the most durable whip made. He is a native of Herfordshire, England. He has been in the United States since 1843. He learned his trade in Newark, Ohio, in 1848. He served the Union seven months in the army and in the United States navy twenty-two months. Mr. Morgan is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and popular in each brotherhood.

Dr. A. Y. McCormick.—"A wise physician skilled, our wounds to heal, is more than armies to the public weal." "A wise physician," and a skilled one, may be found by the citizens of Great Bend, on the corner of Main and Broadway. Dr. McCormick was born and raised in Pennsylvania. His classical education was received in Greene Academy of that State. In 1866 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College, and after two years' practice in the East, came to Illinois, where he practiced for fifteen years. He was an active member of the Illinois State Medical Association. Dr. McCormick has been a citizen of Great Bend for seven years. He is a member of the Barton County Medical Association, and was one of the moving spirits in locating the Central Kansas Normal College at this point. He is also a Freemason.

Grand Central Hotel.—This is the best hotel in the West. It is centrally located on Main street and is a modern brick building, 56x130 feet, three stories high. It was constructed in 1887 and is an ornament to the city. It is furnished with electric call and return bells, water and other conveniences. The dining-room is 28x40 feet. The house has gained much popularity from its fine table. The servants number eleven. The house is well lighted, heated and ventilated, and has fifty sleeping rooms. Mr. S. Tullis and Mr. Lindis own the building and Mr. Tullis is proprietor of the hotel. He was born and reared in Indiana, has been in Great Bend twelve years. He is an old hotel man and has been engaged in the business eight years since coming here, being manager of the Leland for some time and of the Union for two years. His business ability and many fine personal qualities have made him popular throughout the country. He is an Odd Fellow of high degree.

Great Bend Implement Company.—Only started last May, the place this company has gained in public favor, is proof that the men who manage it well understand the business. These are R. F. Pleger, President, (the lumber dealer), Fred Zutavern, secretary and treasurer, Fred F. Miller, manager; the other directors are J. V. Brinkman and L. M. Krause. Messrs Zutavern and Miller are Germans by birth. The former has been twenty years in the states, eleven years in Great Bend, and was cashier of Brinkman & Companies bank six years. The latter came here from Wisconsin fifteen years ago, and has been mostly engaged in farming. They started this company May, 1890, on a capital of \$10,000. Their premises are on the south side of the public square, are 25x80 feet in extent. They handle the celebrated Studebaker and Olds' wagons, spring wagons, buggies, carts, Yankee press and Sugar State steel frame hoe drills, riding and walking plows, harrows, rakes, challenge and Adams star wind mills, tanks, pumps, pipes and fittings. Advance threshing machines, McCormick and buckeye mowers, Hodge headers, and repairs.

R. A. Charles, City Clerk.—Was born in St. Clair County, Illinois and came to Great Bend in April, 1879, as foreman of the *Tribune*. This post he held six years when he took a like position on the *Register*, being editor and manager two years. In March, 1890, the *Register* was sold to Morgan Caraway. Mr. Charles is still manager. Mr. C. has been appointed city clerk three times; first in 1884, again in 1889 and again in 1890.

C. B. Gillis, Butter, Eggs and Poultry.—This popular establishment was opened nine years ago. It occupies a room in the Opera block, 25 by 70 feet, and is a model market in every respect. Mr. Gillis is a careful buyer, and endeavors to supply his customers with only fresh, first-class goods. Mr. Gillis came here fourteen years ago from Michigan. He first engaged in farming. He is well acquainted throughout the county, and is honored as a man of business principles. He was city councilman last year and inaugurated some of the present improvements of the city.

Kincaid & Gwinn, Livery and Feed Stable.—On the southwest corner of the square is situated a handsome, commodious building used as a livery and feed stable by Messrs. Kincaid & Gwinn. This building is 70x60 feet and will accommodate about seventy horses. These gentlemen keep about twenty horses for livery, beside a large number boarding. The pleasure seeker, going for a ride, wishing a spirited horse; the hurried traveler wanting a horse with staying qualities; the ladies seeking a "steady steed," can all be served with equal satisfaction. G. C. Kincaid was born and raised in West Virginia. He has been a resident of Barton County fifteen years, engaged in farming, grain business and selling farm implements prior to his present business. S. H. Gwinn was born and raised in Indiana. He has been in Barton County thirteen years, most of that time being devoted to farming, in which he was very successful. Mr. Gwinn belongs to the Uniform Rank K. of P. These gentlemen, in addition to their large general livery business, do the livery work of the Wells, Fargo Express Company.

Great Bend College, William Stryker.—In this college Great Bend possesses one of the most successful and prosperous institutions in Kansas. Of comparative recent establishment it has gained a reputation commensurate with a greater age and every year shows an increase in its number of pupils. These come from all over the western part of the State and go forth with a finished education sufficient to enable them to enter the university without taking a preparatory course. The course extends over four years and includes everything usually taught in a first-class college—shorthand, music, voice culture, ancient and modern languages, etc. Mr. Stryker is assisted by a competent corps of teachers, all graduates in their special branches. The college buildings are modern in design with every improvement adding to the facility of teaching, the comfort and convenience of pupils. Mr. Stryker is an excellent manager, a man of extensive erudition and experience and is to be congratulated on his great success in conducting such a large, prosperous and paying institution.

LARNED.

LARNED, the county seat of Pawnee county, was founded in 1872. It derived its name from Fort Larned, a military post established by the government on the old Santa Fe trail in 1856. It is a beautifully located town on the Arkansas river, of nearly 3,000 inhabitants, and surrounded by a rich agricultural country, wheat being the principal crop, though corn, sorgum, millet and broomcorn are extensively cultivated. It is one of the best business towns in the Arkansas valley, and enjoys the

distinction of being the most beautifully located city in the south-central portion of the state. A slight eminence surrounds the business part of the city from the southwest to the northeast, and upon this eminence a considerable portion of the residence part of the city is built. No better site for building purposes could be selected, and here we have erected a large number of private dwellings, tasteful in their architecture and forming attractive features in the outskirts of the city.

The city is making rapid strides in commercial importance, the extension of trade being materially assisted by connection with the three railroads—the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific and the Chicago, Kansas City and Western.

The different branches of business characteristic of a busy country town are carried on successfully here in commodious stores, chiefly built of the brick manufactured in the vicinity. The town, in short, is the natural trade center for a large section of the surrounding country.

As a manufacturing point, it is now beginning to attract attention, the interests being at present represented by two brick yards, a broom factory, a concrete manufactory, a windmill factory, a planing mill and two large flouring mills.

There are good educational facilities, and the various Christian bodies have their respective places of worship. There are seven churches—Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Christian, Baptist, German Methodist, Colored Baptist and Colored Methodist. The first three are brick, recently built or remodeled; the others are neat and comfortable frame buildings, and all are regularly and well attended.

The newspaper world is fully represented by two large weeklies, the *Eagle-Optic* and the *Chronoscope*.

The United States land office is located here, where all information regarding government lands can be obtained.

All money transactions can be attended to by the Pawnee County Bank.

An artesian well has recently been struck here. It is about 600 feet deep, and discharges 470 gallons of water per minute. The water is organically pure, and possesses medical properties of great value.

Larned is lighted by electricity, thirty-six arc electric lights being in use. It has an excellent system of water works and protection in case of fire is guaranteed by a thoroughly equipped fire brigade.

Its social, educational and religious advantages are unsurpassed by any other town of its size in the west. It is a healthy, prosperous, busy city, that welcomes the stranger within her gates, and extends to those seeking pleasant homes in a delightful climate many advantages that cannot be found anywhere else.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF LARNED.

John R. Basiger & Co.—One of the best known business men of Pawnee County, is John R. Basiger, who has been a resident of

the county for eleven years, and for the past five years has conducted one of the most popular and successful real estate and loan offices in the West. Money is loaned upon real estate and chattel security, and such is the ability and character of the manager that out of the many thousands of dollars invested for eastern capitalists during the last two and a half years, not a case of delinquency has occurred. Mr. Basiger has a full knowledge of the lands of the county and the people and is well fitted to carry on his business. He also is agent for those sterling western Insurance companies, Milwaukee Mechanics, Burlington, German of Peoria, and Kansas Farmers' of Abilene. He is a bonded abstractor and employs an efficient clerk to attend to that branch. Mr. Basiger is well and favorably known throughout Pawnee and surrounding counties, and has gained a flattering reputation for business integrity and accuracy. He came here before the "boom," and proposes to stay by the county through its succeeding period of depression, although most favorable inducements have been offered for his location elsewhere. Mr. Basiger is a native of Switzerland, came to the United States in 1853; served for three years of the war in the 4th Ohio volunteers and in the 174th Ohio as chaplain of Co. H, receiving his discharge July 8, 1865. He came to Pawnee County in 1879 and opened up his office in 1886. He belongs to the G. A. R. and K. of P. societies, and is a most conscientious, courteous and enterprising gentleman.

Ira B. Cunningham, dealer in hardware, stoves, tinware, pumps, pump fixtures, paints, oil, glass, groceries, etc., keeps an excellent assortment and has secured a large number of customers. His fair and open dealing has most favorably impressed the people. Mr. Cunningham was born in Pennsylvania, came to Kansas and Larned in 1885. He had been in the business many years previously as manager for an eastern company. He carries a stock of \$3,500, in a room 25x90 feet. He is an I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and K. of P., a public spirited citizen and a gentleman of fine presence.

Eagle Optic.—The *Optic* presents two novel features namely, it manager is a lady and its building is its own. In 1878, four papers were eking out an existence in Larned, and a company was then formed to buy all the outfits and consolidate the plants. The *Pawnee County Herald* was established in 1876; in November 1878 after the consolidation, the name became the *Optic*, and in February 1879 it came into the hands of the present owners, T. E. and A. B. Leftwich, husband and wife. The building erected in 1887 is brick, two-story and basement, steam heat and electricity, a cylinder and two job presses; four assistants are employed. The paper is a nine column folio, home print, people's party, circulation 1,300. It took the prize offered for the best printed paper in the State at the State Fair in 1889. Mr. Leftwich is a native of Virginia and has always been in the printing business.

The Hotel L'Grande.—The handsomest hotel building in Western Kansas is the L'Grande of Larned. The fifty rooms are models of cheerfulness, and everything is carried on in a manner to secure the comfort of the guests. George Fulton is the capable manager. He is a native of Ohio, came to Larned in the spring of 1890, and on the 1st of November, 1890 opened this establishment. The building was erected in 1887.

Metropolitan Livery Stable, Nelson & Winchester.—One of the most complete establishments of its kind in Western Kansas is the livery and feed stable of Nelson & Winchester at Larned. The barn is 100x100 in size, two story brick; it has water from the hydrant and is lighted by electricity. The barn has accommodation for sixty head. The proprietors keep a large number of fine rigs ready for use, and travellers may at all times find here excellent quarters. Chas. Nelson is a native of New York; came to Kansas in 1884. Mr. B. S. Winchester, his son in law and partner, is also a native of New York; previous to entering the livery business the firm ran a transfer line. They took the Metropolitan Stables September 10, 1890; the stables employs the services of Mr. Frank Wilson, also a native of New York, and one of the best horsemen in the country.

George Nolan.—Thoroughly representative of Western push and enterprise is George Nolan, of Larned, dealer in Canon City, anthracite and bituminous coal, flour, feed and grain. He is agent for the Kansas Grain and Live Stock Co., of Hutchison, and shipped over seventy-five cars of wheat during the season of 1890. He keeps the best quality of coal, and makes fair dealing a motto. Mr. Nolan was born in New York, came to Kansas in 1870 and Larned in 1872, following farming and for several years being in the ice business. He was the first county clerk of Pawnee County, the first clerk of the court, got, under the signature of U. S. Grant, the first land patent issued from this land office, and is always first in his line of business. During the war he served in the 69th N. Y., is a member of the G. A. R. and Masonic societies and a reliable, energetic citizen.

O. F. & E. R. Norwood, Dry Goods.—In elegance, arrangement, taste and management, the store of O. F. and E. R. Norwood is unexcelled. Two large rooms, 120x25, and 90x25 respectively, are filled with a \$50,000 stock, and five clerks are required. The lines carried consist of Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Etc., and the firm consists of husband and wife. The former is a native of Kentucky, came to Kansas in 1875, lived in the eastern part of the state and came here in 1884 with his father, who started a dry goods store. He manages the large concern, and in the selection of goods from eastern markets uses rare judgment. Mrs. Norwood is a native of Kelley's Island in the Great Lakes, and came to Kansas at an early age. It is seldom that so large an establishment has such young proprietors, but the business is most capably managed.

B. T. Cantrell.—There are few articles of household use that B. T. Cantrell cannot supply. He deals in New and Second hand goods, and his line takes in nearly everything. He has a large assortment of new Stoves, Beds, Springs, Chairs, Queensware, etc., handles large quantities of Groceries, and his store is at all times a busy scene. His stock is valued at \$1,200 and occupies a convenient room 25x90 feet. Mr. Cantrell was born in Kentucky, came to Kansas in 1881, to Larned in 1885 and engaged in Groceries and Meats; in 1889 he dropped the meats and took his present lines. Mr. Cantrell is a thriving, energetic citizen, public spirited and reliable.

Wm. Crosby, Furniture.—Wm. Crosby carries a complete line of Parlor, Chamber, Kitchen and Office Furniture, and keeps a full stock of Undertaking goods, in which business he has a specialty. Mr. Crosby was born in New Hampshire, carried on his business in Iowa for many years, and came to Kansas thirteen years ago. He occupies four rooms, two in front being each 20x60, and two in the rear for undertaking and storage. He carries a stock of \$3,000. Mr. Crosby owns a farm in the vicinity, but rents it and devotes himself entirely to his business here, in which he has gained the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

United States Post Office, Geo. A. Sells, P. M.—The post-office at Larned occupies a conveniently located building, most admirably arranged for the easy handling of the mail. This office is distributing point for seven star route offices, and also for the Larned and Jetmore branch. From the Missouri Pacific two mails each way are received and dispatched each day, and from the Santa Fe three each way. Besides the postmaster three clerks are employed. Mr. Geo. A. Sells is the efficient postmaster, taking charge of office in May 1890. He is a native of Iowa, came to Kansas Jan. 1st, 1866; followed the mercantile business and previous to his appointment was in abstracts. During the war he served in the 13th Iowa, being from '63 to '66 in the famous "Iowa Brigade." He is a leading member of the G. A. R., a Mason, Knight Templar, member of the Blue Chap and Mystic Shrine.

Clark Gray, Attorney at Law.—Is a native of New York, but moved to Illinois at an early age. Was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, entered Ann Arbor University and when in the Senior year answered the call of "Father Abraham" for "300,000 more", and went to the front with the 93d Illinois. He participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge and Altoona, witnessed the surrender of Vicksburg, took part in the Atlanta campaign, the "March to the sea" and finally in the Grand Review at Washington; was mustered out as captain. He served as Clerk of the Circuit Court (and ex-officio Register of Deeds), of Bureau County, Illinois, and came to Kansas and Larned in 1883; for some time acting as president of the "Larned State Bank." He is a member of the Military order of the Loyal Legion and is Grand Capt. Gen. of the Grand Commandery of the State of Kansas. He took up the study of law recently, being admitted to practice in September 1890, and is well qualified to take a leading place in the profession.

Keystone Milling Co.—In affording a ready market to the superior quality of wheat raised in the vicinity, and turning it into the best grades of flour, commands special mention in our work. The mill is of red sandstone, the motor is a 70 horse-power engine of approved pattern, the machinery is the most perfect of its kind and the management is in hands that are capable and energetic. Six hands are employed, and six grades of flour are turned out, Texas affording the largest market; but the mill also ships to New Mexico, Colorado and the Southern states. The mill was put up in 1884 by Burnett Bros., who ran it until it came into the hands of the present proprietors: H. H. Reed, H. M. Halloway, Wm. Dumont, Jr. and A. C. Jose.

The Larned Drug Co.—The oldest settler in the Arkansas valley was A. H. Boyd, manager of the Larned Drug Co., and yet is still a vigorous man. He located a ranch of 320 acres adjoining this city in 1864; before the surveys were made and when Cottonwood Falls was the nearest settlement. He has been engaged in many lines of business—hotel, livery, contracting, etc. For several years he had the contract for supplying Ft. Dodge and Ft. Larned with meat and hay. At the organization of Pawnee county he was appointed commissioner, was elected to the same office and was chairman of the first board. He is a native of Vermont, served in the war with the 8th Illinois Volunteers, is a member of G. A. R., O. F. and Masonic societies; in latter being a Knight Templar. The drug store is filled with a stock of \$5,000, nicely arranged in a fine room 25x100 in size. Mr. Boyd employs a skilled pharmacist and the most accurate care is exhibited in the filling of prescriptions.

The Frizell Hardware Co.—The most extensive mercantile establishment in Larned is the "Frizell Hardware Co." The floor space occupied by the house in its various departments amounts to over 10,000 square feet, and the stock runs \$20,000 in value. Full lines of Hardware, Queensware, Pumps, Etc., are carried, and experienced workmen attend to the plumbing and sheet metal departments, everything in these lines being manufactured or repaired at this establishment; seven hands are employed. E. E. Frizell manages the concern, he is a native of Illinois, came to Kansas and Larned in 1878, for several years conducting a store here, which was changed in 1886 to the style of "Frizell Hardware Co.," under which it has continued. Mr. Frizell is a Mason, an A. O. U. W. and a thoroughly capable manager. Mr. W. O. Clark, secretary of the company is a native of Ohio, came to Kansas in 1885, and since the opening of this store has devoted himself to its interest.

F. D. Lowrey.—In the line of Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Machinery, Harness, Etc., no house in western Kansas can excel F. D. Lowrey in extent of stock, well earned reputation or enterprise. The firm of Lowrey Bros. started in the business in 1875, and carried it on successfully up to 1887 when they sold out to a stock company. One year ago Mr. Lowrey, who had meanwhile been in Denver, took charge of the concern; he employs two hands and a harness maker. Mr. Lowrey is a native of Ohio, one of the earliest settlers here and one of the best and most favorably known of Larned business men.

Law Office of H. C. Johns, Wm. G. Fairchild.—The law firm of Johns and Fairchild occupies pleasant office rooms in one of the conveniently located buildings in Larned, equipped with the most extensive law library in the state. Mr. Johns is a native of New York and a graduate of Union College and the Albany Law school, and is a member of the Bar of New York and Pennsylvania and of the U. S. Supreme Court. He was employed for several years to assist Austin Abbott upon the law portion of the famous "Century Dictionary." He came to Kansas in 1886; he is attorney for the Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Fairchild is a native of New Jersey, graduated from the Military Academy of Connecticut, lived in Louisiana, came to Kansas in 1885, to Larned in 1888 and formed the partnership with Mr. Johns the same year, after being admitted to the bar here.

The Lindell Hotel.—One of the most popular hotels in western Kansas is the Lindell of Larned. It is centrally located, opposite the P. O. and U. S. land office, has city water and electric light, and for a \$1.00 a day house gives most excellent accommodations. The house is owned and managed by J. H. Leshure, a native of New York, who served during the war in the 188th N. Y. Vol. and was wounded at the 1st Battle of Hatch's Run, Virginia. He came to Kansas and Pawnee county in 1877 and took charge of the Lindell Feb. 17, 1890. Mr. Leshure is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., and a whole-souled genial landlord.

Pleasant Valley Grain and Stock Farm, Barnard Cortrite, Proprietor.—Deserves special mention in our book. Mr. Cortrite owns two tracts, 1,000 acres and 300 acres, situated four miles south of Larned; the smaller farm is being seeded to Alfalfa. Mr. Cortrite has over 200 acres in cultivation, raised over 1500 bushels of wheat from 70 acres in '90; has over 100 head of stock, mainly Shorthorns, and is carrying on all his operations in an energetic and thorough manner. He is a native of New York, is largely interested in the mining country of Hall Valley, Col., purchased his farm here eight years since, has been off and on in the state since then, but for the past year has been attending to his large interests in Pawnee Co. He is also proprietor of the Eureka Mill, which, for cleaning and grading grain and seeds of all kinds is without a rival. It is made at Norwalk, Ohio; 20,000 are now in use among farmers in Ohio and Pennsylvania. It won the highest award at the Centennial Exposition.

E. V. Rhea & Co., Druggists.—E. V. Rhea and Co. recently opened up a fine new and fresh stock of drugs in Larned, and the firm being well-known and generally esteemed, received a cordial reception from the people of the vicinity. A skilled pharmacist is employed. The firm consists of Mrs. E. V. Rhea and W. M. Rhea, M. D. her husband. The doctor is a native of Pennsylvania, received his education at Mt. Holly Institute, enlisted in the 133 Pa. Vol. and served 9 months, then entered the service with the 1st U. S. Vet. En. and served till the end of the war. Graduated from the Medical department of Ana Arbor University in 1869; came to Kansas in 1878 and has been engaged in the active practice of his profession ever since. He has served the people as representative, and is a gentleman who holds the esteem of all.

Landauer & Schnack, Dry Goods, Etc.—The store of Landauer and Schnack presents a fine appearance with its nicely selected stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Etc. The room is 25x90 in size, and filled with a stock of \$30,000. The trade of the firm is very extensive, as the different lines are kept complete. M. R. Landauer came from Illinois, has lived in Larned 12 years; is a Mason, O. F. Mr. H. C. Schnack is a native of Illinois, came to Kansas in 1874, was employed for a time in one of the banks. The present firm was established in 1887, and has met with flattering success. Four clerks being necessary to attend to the many patrons.

J. D. Blount & Co.—One of the most enterprising and active firms of Larned is that of J. D. Blount and Co., Real Estate and Loan agents, who opened their office here in 1885. They buy, sell, trade and exchange, carry on a general land business and loan money upon improved farms; using such judgment, gained by their long acquaintance with the country and its people that these loans are in all instances perfectly secure, and in no cases become delinquent. Mr. Blount is a native of Kentucky, came to Kansas in 1882. He is a member of the O. F. society. Mr. W. B. Culbertson, the other partner is also a native of Ky., but is Kansas raised; he is a K. of P.

The Chronoscope.—The Larned *Chronoscope* is a healthy and neatly printed newspaper; nine column folio, all home print. It is the official county paper, and affords advertisers a remarkably good medium. The office has a cylinder press and two jobbers. It is published by the Larned Printing Company, F. S. Hatch president, F. J. Davis secretary, and W. G.

Stevens treasurer. The latter two are the editors and managers. Mr. Davis is a native of Ohio, has been in the business twenty years, came to Kansas in 1887. Mr. Stevens is a native of New York, lived in Missouri, came to Kansas in 1887. He has been in the printing business ten years. During the years 1887 and '88 the office published a daily.

G. H. Mize & Co., Lumber.—One of the most extensive and complete stocks of lumber kept in the west is handled at the yard of G. H. Mize and Co. Mr. Mize is the resident manager, the other members of the firm being Edwards and McCulloch, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This concern was established here six years ago. It handles Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime, Paper and all forms of building material and gives especial attention to figuring on bills. Mr. Mize was born in Illinois, lived in Indiana, received a commercial education at St. Louis, was employed in the lumber business for several years, and came to Kansas in 1884. A stock of \$10,000 is carried, selected with care and judgment.

The Larned Roller Mills.—The oldest and the most favorably known mill in Western Kansas is the Larned Roller Mills, which, by E. R. Van Horn was operated for many years, until in June 1890 it came into the hands of the Van Horn-McInteer Milling Co., and under the management of S. A. Van Horn and D. McInteer, its old reputation is fully maintained and its trade largely extended. The capacity of the mill is 80 barrels, the motive power being a 65 horse power engine; seven hands are employed, and the mill is at present running 15 hours daily. Nearly all of its flour finds ready market near home, an evidence of merit which but few mills possess.

ST. JOHN.

SITUATED in the great bend of the Arkansas river and surrounded by a well watered and exceedingly fertile country, is St. John, the county seat of Stafford County. The town was platted in 1879, soon after the organization of the county, and was made the temporary county seat by Governor St. John. The action of the Governor was ratified by the people and St. John at once started out on a career of prosperity and has enjoyed a healthy and steady growth.

Nearly all of the religious denominations have organizations and regular services, the Methodists, Baptists, United Brethren and A. M. E. having nice church edifices. We have three large Sunday schools.

St. John has one of the finest brick and stone school houses in the State, heated by steam and having all the modern appliances necessary to the successful education of the young. The court house, a fine brick and stone structure,

63x63 feet, two stories high, with large and commodious offices, fire-proof vaults, etc., stands as a monument to the enterprise of our people, who built it and presented it free of all encumbrance to the county. St. John also has a calaboose, but it has fallen into "innocuous desuetude," having been occupied but once in three years.

In addition to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans, and Daughters of Rebecca, the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Knights of Labor and Knights of Reciprocity have large and flourishing organizations. St. John has three large hotels and several restaurants, which makes it possible for all classes of travelers to find just such accommodations as they desire.

Stafford County lies in the heart of the Arkansas Valley, in what is known as the great bend of the Arkansas river, and is one of

the best agricultural stock raising counties in the State. A failure has never occurred, and thousands of bushels of old wheat are now in the hands of our farmers. The county is at present without a mill, the one at St. John having been destroyed by fire a year ago. The vast amount of business done by this mill while in operation, its output having been shipped to Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, proves that a better a location for a good mill cannot be found in the State.

In addition to a mill a cheese factory, broom factory, sugar factory and kindred establishments would find this a splendid location, and the investor would be sure of profitable returns. Lands in Stafford County are dirt cheap at the present time, but with a splendid prospect of rapidly increasing in price. Our people extend a warm welcome to all who visit our city, whether with a view of locating or simply to look over the country. Our land agents are not of the variety commonly called sharks, but courteous and reliable gentlemen in whom the utmost confidence can be placed.

W. K. P. D.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF ST. JOHN.

Fisher & Nagle, Loan Brokers and Abstracters.—The firm of Fisher & Nagle, loan brokers, abstracters and insurance agents, is composed of two energetic young men destined to take a leading part in business circles of western Kansas. The firm does a general real estate business, and the liberal policy pursued by its members has secured for it a high standing. In insurance they represent the Phoenix, Continental, Traders' of Chicago and the Fireman's Fund, etc. Their abstract books are complete, and are posted each day from the county records. The members of the firm are L. H. Fisher and Paul R. Nagle, both of whom are notaries public; also members of the Masonic and K. of P. orders. The fine brick block, two stories high and 60x80 feet in size, is owned by them. Mr. Fisher has been in Kansas thirteen years and in the city six years. Mr. Nagle has been in the state some twenty-six years, and at this place for five years. Parties having business in the lines conducted by this firm may rest assured that it will be done in an accurate and faithful manner if entrusted to them. Mr. Paul R. Nagle of this firm is one of Stafford county's bright young attorneys. He is at present devoting his entire attention to his favorite profession.

E. H. Landes, County Treasurer.—One of the best and most favorably known of the citizens of Stafford County is E. H. Landes, who is now serving his second term as county

treasurer. Mr. Landes is a native of Illinois, came to Kansas early in the eighties and has carried on stock raising and farming on an extensive scale. He has in now nearly 500 acres of wheat, and is also interested in a large livery barn which accommodates about seventy horses and covers several lots in the heart of the city. Mr. Landes was the prime instrument in the capture of two horse thief desperadoes from Osborne in the fall of '90. He and a companion being engaged with the outlaws in a running fight of about fifteen miles before the capture was effected. Mr. L. is a prominent member of the Masonic order and a leader in every public work. The efficient deputy treasurer is Mr. W. A. Downey, who is also deputy sheriff and deputy United States marshal, which positions he has filled several consecutive years. Mr. Downey has lived in the State thirteen years and in St. John six years and is known as a quiet gentleman of excellent abilities.

Edgar B. Marchant, Lawyer.—One of the best known figures in Stafford County is E. B. Marchant. He was born in Ohio, has lived in Illinois, Tennessee and Kansas, coming to the latter State and this place over nine years ago. He is the oldest practicing attorney in the county. Mr. Marchant is a "constitutional jiner," being a member of Masonic, I. O. O. F., K. of P., M. W. and S. of V. His father died at Camp Alert, California. He was the first district deputy of the K. of P. for the county, first master of the first Masonic Lodge in the county, the first captain of the first camp of S. of V. in the county, the first V. M. of the first lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, west of Salina, and is now past grand marshal of the State, and a past assistant lecturer. He has served the city as police judge, and is also present city attorney.

The Advance.—The oldest paper in St. John is the *Advance*, now in its eleventh volume, having been established as soon as the town was capable of supporting a paper, the editor is W. K. P. Dow, who has been partially rewarded for his public labors by being chosen as post master. He has occupied that position since March, 1890, and has since then devoted most of his time to his new duties, and left the conduct of the paper to his fifteen year old son John Dow, local editor. The *Advance* is a six column quarto, well arranged, and its editorial paragraphs show good taste and judgment.

A. B. Rose & Co., Palace Drug Store.—The Palace Drug Store of A. B. Rose & Company presents a handsome and engaging appearance. The firm is well fitted to fill prescriptions, having a large stock of pure chemicals, under the charge of David S. Sparks, who has been in the drug business at this place since 1883 and is an accomplished pharmacist. Mr. A. B. Rose was born in Indiana, has lived in Kansas six years, being engaged in the abstract business at this place for three years, then starting in the present business, first under the name of Tucker & Rose. The stock runs \$4,500 and besides drugs and patent medicines contains books, stationery, notions, etc.

County Capital.—One of the foremost instruments in the upbuilding of Stafford County is the County *Capital*, which has been a leading force at St. John about five years. It is a seven column folio; subscription rate is \$1.25 per year. The proprietor is John B. Hilmes, a native of Germany, who came to this country in 1872, to Kansas and St. John in 1886, and who has since held the position of city clerk and for two years and a half conducted this paper. He has been in the printing business since 1879, was educated at the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri; is M. W. of the K. of L. Lodge, and at the election of 1890 was chosen to the office of probate judge by a large majority.

Gray & Co., Hardware, Implements and Seeds.—The fine store of Gray & Co. is full of hardware of all kinds, and a large wareroom is occupied with machinery and also a tin-shop of liberal dimensions. The building is of brick, two stories high, in size 24x60 and has a 20 foot addition, besides a large wareroom. The brothers Gray are natives of Kentucky, came to St. John in 1885, L. H. Gray starting in the business with a partner, under the firm name of Gilbert & Gray, and in August, 1890, his brother, L. Gray, purchased Mr. Gilbert's interest. Implements of all descriptions are handled and a stock of \$15,000 is ordinarily carried.

B. O. Chesshir, Clerk of the District Court.—The accomplished clerk of the district court of Stafford County is B. O. Chesshir, who was re-elected for a second term the fall of 1890. Mr. Chesshir is a native of the Buckeye State, was educated at Muskingum College, at New Concord, Ohio, and at the Holbrook Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio. He came to Stafford County five years ago and followed school teaching, which he left to take his present position, in which he has shown peculiar fitness for the office. Mr. Chesshir is a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. F., and is a pleasant, well-informed gentleman.

City Harness Shop.—Under the able management of L. A. Burger the City Harness Shop has, during the three years of its establishment grown from small beginnings to a store of no mean order. Mr. Burger is a good workman and selects his material from the best stock. Competition has brought down prices, but no falling off in either the grade of stock or the careful work used at Mr. Burger's shop can be observed. He is a native of Pennsylvania, has lived in the state thirteen years and in the town five years.

H. L. Fitch, County Surveyor.—The county of Stafford is fortunate in possessing a surveyor conversant with all the resources of the profession. Mr. Fitch has held this office continually since the county was organized; the first term by appointment and for six terms by election. He is a native of New York, received a superior education in Rochester, became a civil engineer; lived in Iowa several years and served as deputy county surveyor there, and also as R. R. engineer. Served as U. S. mineral surveyor in Colorado, from '81 to '84. He came to Kansas first in 1878, and is known as a close student and extensive reader.

Arlington House.—The ARLINGTON HOUSE is the only hotel in the city of St. John worthy of notice in this work. The genial host, J. G. Cornwell, personally supervises and has the happy faculty of making every guest feel perfectly at home. The hotel building is light and cheerful, the table is first-class and all details of an order far beyond the ordinary western hotel. Mr. Cornwell also owns the St. John opera house. Mr. C. was born in Ohio, served during the war in the 22 Ohio Inf., came to Kansas in 1878, to St. John in 1884 and established the "Arlington." He is a member of the city council. The hotel contains 20 rooms, and is always thronged with guests, among whom is seen a liberal sprinkling of traveling men who "know a good thing when they see it."

A. Sparks, M. D.—The oldest practicing physician in St. John is A. Sparks. The doctor is a native of the Buckeye state, was raised and educated in Indiana, lived in Iowa, came to Kansas seventeen years since and to St. John eleven years, being one of the first to settle upon the town site. All his life he has been an active practitioner, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He is a member of the Electric Medical Association of Kansas, and is a tried and true member of his honorable profession.

F. R. Baumgartner, County Clerk.—Mr. F. R. Baumgartner who occupies the important position of County Clerk, and is now serving his second term, is a most courteous, attentive, obliging and faithful officer. He is a native of Ohio, served during the war in the 144 Ohio Vol. Infy., lived in Missouri three years, and has lived in Kansas fourteen years. He is a prominent member of the Masonic, G. A. R. and K. of P. organizations; he is a member of the city council and every public enterprise has in him a strong advocate.

Ike S. Lewis, Register of Deeds.—One of the most accomplished officers of Stafford county is Ike S. Lewis, now serving his first term as Register of Deeds. Mr. Lewis is a native of Missouri, was raised in Illinois; his father being a strong Union man, being compelled to remove to the Cattle state because of his political sympathies. At an early age he was so unfortunate as to lose his left arm by having it crushed in a cane mill. He came to this country in the Centennial year, and followed school teaching; he is a leading member of the I. O. O. F., and much esteemed by his fellow citizens.

W. D. Woolley, Confectionery and Restaurant.—The attractive establishment of W. D. Woolley, dealer in Confectionery, Fruits, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc., is the most popular store of its character in Stafford county, and its genial proprietor, one of the best citizens. Every form of confectionery is carried, and the store is a favorite stopping place for all afflicted with a "sweet tooth." Mr. Woolley started his store in 1889. He was born in Illinois, and has lived in Washington and Missouri. He is a member of the order of Woodmen and is the leader and instructor of "Woolley's Band" an organization incorporated in May 1890, composed of excellent musicians, owning a full set of beautiful new silver instruments, and having the reputation of being the "best band in Western Kansas."

The State Bank of St. John.—This, the oldest bank in Stafford county, has among its directors some of the most substantial capitalists of the east, and some of the best known citizens of Stafford county.

The president is Hon. D. G. Littlefield of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Ex. Lieut. Gov. of that state, etc., whose name alone is a guarantee to every depositor. The following are the eastern financial directors: A. L. Williston, Northampton, Mass., president First National Bank and president Williston Seminary; A. W. McMurray, Lansingburgh, N. Y., capitalist; Frank N. Look, Florence, Mass., treasurer Florence Manufacturing Co., and director in Northampton National Bank. The bank is amply accounted for the transaction of all forms of business in its line; buys and sells exchange, and gives to its depositors and patrons privileges of an exceptionally liberal character.

F. C. Shaler, Hardware, Etc.—This gentleman is a large dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Carriages, Wagons, Pumps, Farm Implements, Guns, Ammunition, Glass, Paints, Tinware and Woodenware. His hardware store is 20x60, a carriage and implement room equally large on one side, and a tin shop 20x40 in the rear; the stock is admirably arranged. He carries a stock of \$12,000, and his trade extends far into the adjoining country; the farmers of the vicinity having become acquainted with his trustworthy methods. Mr. Shaler was born in Kansas, moved to St. John six years ago and started in his present business. He is mayor of the city: a leading Mason, and a typical Kansan.

"Red Star Drug Store," W. J. Winner, M. D.—This well-known drug store has been in successful operation for six years, and is one of the pleasantest stores in the city. The stock is tastefully arranged, and in charge of a competent pharmacist. The proprietor is a practicing physician; received his degree at Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1861. He is now physician, and is ex-U. S. examining surgeon; he is an old soldier, and served three years in the 61st Ill. Infantry, he is a prominent G. A. R. man. He was born in Pa. and from there removed to Illinois, he came to Kansas fifteen years since, first settling at Great Bend, and removed to this city in 1884. His fine building, 20x70 is an ornament to the town. In the upper story is a lodge room.

Tudor & Ring, Grocers.—The city of St. John has no busier scene within its limits than that presented at the store of Tudor and Ring, dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Queensware, Woodenware, Etc. The proprietors give their entire personal attention to the business; the motto of the firm since its establishment four years since has been "liberal and fair dealing," and its trade has grown to large proportions, the stock runs about \$5,000, and no old goods are permitted to accumulate. J. H. Tudor, the senior member of the firm was born in Indiana, raised in Ohio, came to Kansas in 1884 and to St. John in 1886. Mr. Thos. Ring, the other member, is a native also of the Buckeye state, lived in Indiana for a time, and came to Kansas eleven years ago, to St. John in 1885. Each of the partners is known as the soul of honor.

KINSLEY.

KINSLEY, the county seat of Edwards county, is a picturesque little town situated in the bend of the Arkansas river, nearly midway between the east and the west line of the state. It is surrounded by an extremely fertile country. The bottom land skirting the river is rich and alluvial, and is from three to five miles wide, merging into the rolling prairie on the west, whose undulations stretch onward towards the setting sun as far as the eye can reach. The town is regularly laid out with broad streets and wide avenues, along which shade trees have been planted, the foliage shadowing the plank walks on either side with ever waving and changeful lights and shades.

The town, or more properly the city, (it having been organized as a city of the third class), has a population of from twelve to fifteen hundred. It has two large brick school buildings, four churches, two banks, two hotels, two grain elevators, a flouring mill with a capacity of 150 barrels a day; also several large general stores carrying

stocks of goods varying from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. Kinsley is the junction of the Chicago and Western Railroad with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. The Santa Fe Company a few years ago erected at this point one of the finest depots along the line.

They have also a large hotel or eating house at which the trains stop regularly every day for meals.

Kinsley was first settled by a colony from Boston and was named after E. W. Kinsley of Boston, who is widely known as the "soldiers' friend." Frequent contributions from Massachusetts and other New England states have been from time to time added to the original settlement, till the town predominates largely with New England people, and with ideas which characterize her hardy sons. Kinsley suffered on account of the "late boom," in common with all other Kansas towns, and experienced a relapse with the subsiding craze of speculation; but time has nearly or quite eradicated the ill

effects, and business is rapidly assuming its normal healthy condition.

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The Kinsley Roller Mills, (operated by the Kinsley Mill and Elevator Co.) were established in 1874. The mill building is fitted with machinery of the latest and most approved patterns. A 114 horse power engine is the motor, and the finest grades of flour are turned out, the capacity being 150 barrels per day. The mill manufactures all the popular grades of flour, the most prominent names being butterfly, home comfort, magnolia and red ball. During the season of 1890 a large elevator was erected and is now run in connection, with a capacity of 20,000 bushels, and capable of handling almost the entire product of the vicinity.

Kinsley Exchange Bank.—The substantial growth and large extent of business done by the Exchange Bank of Kinsley is a source of gratification to its founders. The officers are M. L. Seamans, a resident of Iowa, president; W. L. Seamans, vice-president, and C. H. Seamans, cashier. The first named is the father of the last two. C. H. Seamans is a native of New York, moved to Iowa, and then to Kansas five years ago. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity—of the chapter and commandery. W. L. Seamans is a native of Illinois, lived in Iowa, and came to Kansas in 1886, one year after his brother had established the bank. The building occupied by the bank and also by a drug store in the adjoining room and Odd Fellow lodge and offices above, is 38x60 feet in size, of brick, two stories and a basement. The bank has all the modern conveniences for the safety and accommodation of its patrons. They also write insurance in the Connecticut, National and Royal, of Liverpool. The capital stock is \$50,000, fully paid in. This bank was incorporated March 14, 1887.

Edwards & Noble.—This mammoth establishment of Edwards & Noble occupies a corner building, two story 110x45, built of brick. In the rooms below the company displays an immense stock of dry goods and groceries, and in the upper story it keeps furniture, carpets and undertakers goods. The house employs eight hands, carries a stock of \$35,000 and in every respect is a credit to the thrifty enterprising west. The members of the firm are R. E. Edwards, president of the First National Bank, and E. A. Nobles. Mr. Noble was born in Ohio, lived in Pennsylvania, served in the war in the 123rd and 77th Pennsylvania under Hooker. Came to Kansas in 1877 and bought into the firm of Edwards Brothers & Price which had been established the year previous.

G. M. Seacat, M. D.—The rising young physician and surgeon, Dr. G. M. Seacat, has won a most flattering practice. He was born in Indiana, and came to Kansas and Kinsley in

1885, and is at the head of his profession in Edwards County. He is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine of Louisville; he is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities and one of the board of school directors. In every position the doctor is a polished and attentive gentleman.

First National Bank.—This bank was established in 1887, with a capital of \$50,000, and has from the first held the confidence of the men of Edwards County. The officers of the bank are: R. E. Edwards, president, also interested in the store of Edwards & Noble, the lumber yard of Edwards & Erwin and a large livery barn; E. E. Noble, vice president, also manager of the firm of Edwards & Noble; F. B. Hines, cashier, and A. M. Merryman, assistant cashier. The bank has its quarters in a large, two-story brick structure; with a time lock, safety vault and all the modern paraphernalia. The men in charge are public spirited and accommodating.

Alamo House.—A more systematically managed or more popular hotel does not exist in Kansas than the Alamo, which under E. O. Watrous the proprietor has become the pride of the traveling men. The house contains thirty-three bed rooms. Mr. Watrous was born in Ohio, came to Kansas ten years ago, first being established at Burlington and then, four years since, coming to Kinsley. The building is two story, with basement, brick.

Brown & Peck.—The handsome store of Brown & Peck strikes the stranger most favorably. Here is a business house run on correct principles. The stock is valued at \$12,000 and contains full lines of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods. The senior member of the firm, R. K. Brown, a native of Ohio, afterwards lived in Illinois and Iowa, came to Kansas and this place in 1889. He is a member of the K. P., I. O. O. F., and R. A. societies. W. J. Peck, the other member, was born in New York, lived in Illinois and Iowa and came to Kansas and Kinsley in 1884. He is a member of the Masonic order. Both the members of the firm with two assistants devote their whole attention to their heavy trade.

Palace of Economy, Roberts Bros.—The "Palace of Economy" is one of the best houses in Edwards County. It carries nearly every article of household use, or implement used in farming, or necessary in the trades, groceries, hardware, tinware, stoves, implements, etc. The store is 25x100, two stories, with warerooms for iron and implements adjoining. The stock is valued at \$20,000. Seven hands and a typewriter are employed by the firm. They pay good prices for farm produce and castor beans, the latter being one of Edwards county's staple productions. The brothers N. and R. Roberts are natives of Scotland, and have lived in Kansas and Kinsley twelve years. The house was first established ten years ago under the name of Edwards & Roberts Bros., and the latter bought out their partner four years ago.

L. Barber, Jr., Clothing, Gent's Furnishing Goods, etc.—The popular store of L. Barber, jr., contains a full line of ready-made clothing and gent's furnishing goods of all descriptions. The large store room is 25x110 feet and shows off the contents to the best advantage. A stock of \$7,000 is carried. Mr. Barber was born in Illinois and followed farming and stockraising as a business for some years. He was captain in the 137th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at Fort Donaldson, is a member of the G. A. R. and Masonic organizations, and also a member of the city council.

W. H. French, Attorney at Law.—W. H. French, the leading attorney of Edwards County, came to Kansas in 1884. He has served the people as county superintendent, has been four years city attorney, and at the election of 1890 was selected as county attorney. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of P. lodges, and a man of recognized ability. He has large farming and stock raising interests.

Edwards & Erwin, Lumber.—The company have a fine brick office, a conveniently located yard, and are fully prepared to fill the wants of the public. A stock of \$10,000 worth of lumber, lath, shingles, siding, doors, posts, coal, lime, hair, cement, etc., is carried. The manager of the yard W. D. Erwin is a native of Tennessee, came to Kansas and went into business in 1875. He is a painstaking and careful accountant and in all his dealings exercises a spirit of fairness.

The Graphic was established in 1877 and was consolidated with the *Banner* in 1887 and came under the present management of Griggs & Creviston in April, 1889. Messrs. G. & C. are natives of Illinois and came to this State and town in 1887. The columns of the *Graphic* show that it has fallen into capable hands. The young editors are both K. of P. The paper is eight column and price and advertising rates very low.

DODGE CITY.

DODGE CITY, one of the thriving towns in the famous Arkansas valley, is the capital of Ford, one of the largest counties in Kansas. It is one of the oldest towns in the western part of the State, and in earlier days gained unenviable notoriety on account of its population being made up of the rougher element, so characteristic of the border; but latterly, with the incoming of the immigrant, and the consequent exodus of the cattlemen and cowboys, Dodge became susceptible to these gentler influences, and to-day a more thrifty, sober, industrious and energetic community cannot be found in the Sunflower State. As marking the change from the old to the new, Dodge is now famous as the seat of the Dodge School of Theology, an institution founded by Rev. A. P. George, of the M. E. church, and designed for the benefit of the struggling young preachers in Kansas; but the excellence of its lecture course draws students from abroad. It had an attendance of sixty last year, and each succeeding year marks an increase. The Presbyterians, not to be excelled by their Methodist brethren, have founded a college at Dodge, and \$75,000 have been expended in the erection of building. The affairs of the institution have been in a complicated condition, but are now unraveling, and it will soon be one of the noted institutions of learning in the State, and two handsome brick structures are devoted to the education of Dodge's junior population. Dodge is the division of the Atchison, Topeka

& Santa Fe and some \$10,000 is here monthly paid to employes. It is also the western terminal of the Rock Island, and so freight is here transferred, it is a source of employment for many. The Dodge City, Montezuma & Trinidad is a road extending from Dodge to Montezuma, and will this summer be pushed on to Trinidad, Colo.

Two years ago the old fort buildings east of the city were presented to the city by the national government, and were subsequently by an appropriation from the legislature, converted into a soldiers home. The last legislature made an appropriation of \$75,000 and 100 cottages will be erected this year. The home now numbers 125 inmates, and numbers are daily applying for admission. The State Forestry Station is another state institution located here. It received an appropriation of \$12,000 this year. But what has made the town more famous than any other institution or enterprise is the irrigating canals that surround it. The famous Eureka canal is the longest and largest in the state. From headgates to mouth it is ninety miles long, and forty-five feet wide. Ninety-five lakes, varying in size from forty to eleven acres, are dotted along its course. It heads at Ingalls, in Gray, and, passing through Ford, returns its waters to the Arkansas in Edwards county. Recent experiments in obtaining water for canals has brought to light the "underflow" system, and the first successful

effort in this direction was made by Gilbert brothers of this city. The South Dodge canal was started six miles west of the city. By surveys it was found that there is a sheet of water, at a uniform depth, hundreds of miles wide, flowing in a southeasterly direction, underground. A reservoir was commenced and extended up the river two miles. As the river has a fall of seven feet to the mile, the upper end was fourteen feet in depth while the lower end was but three, the regular depth of canals. In this manner the underflow was drained into the canal proper, and a constant stream of water is furnished, although the river is not tapped. This remarkable discovery of the "underflow" is the key that will open an era of plenty to western Kansas, and by her position and advantages already possessed, Dodge will undoubtedly be the distributing point for this vast section. She now numbers 2,000 population, has a \$25,000 city hall, a \$40,000 court house, elegant business blocks and residences, and her citizens have the energy necessary to the upbuilding of a city. F. H. M.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF DODGE CITY.

H. B. Bell, Sheriff of Ford County.—The popular sheriff of Ford County. H. B. Bell, is now serving his second term. Mr. Bell was born in Maryland, came to Kansas in 1871 and to Dodge City in 1874. He owns a ranch covering three sections of land near the city, partly under irrigation; has over 200 head of cattle, fifty mares, and in every way seems wide-awake. He also owns the "Elephant Stables," a huge concern 100x125 feet, capable of accommodating over 100 head of horses. He employs several assistants to care for his stock and keep his varied interests on the move. He is a Mason and a valuable, reliable business man of tried integrity.

Sims & Sims.—The flour, feed and general produce business of Dodge City is well represented by the firm of Sims & Sims. A stock of \$1,000 is carried. L. Sims, father of the junior partner, E. S. Sims, is a native of Indiana and came to Kansas five years ago. Previous to opening the present store, a similar business was conducted in partnership with Mr. Shinn. The methods of conducting the business are such as to meet with full appreciation on the part of the public.

L. King Soper.—A leading figure in Dodge City is L. K. Soper, attorney-at-law. He is a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, graduated at Gouvenor Academy in 1870, and from the law department of St. Lawrence University in 1871, since which time he has been in active practice. He came to Dodge City in 1885. Practices in four judicial districts and

in eight different counties. He has met with a most flattering success. In the many foreclosure cases now in the courts he has almost a monopoly. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Strange & Summersby

The Bee Hive Store of Strange and Summersby is as its name implies a most bustling and busy scene. Dry goods, fancy goods, clothing, boots, shoes and gents furnishings are carried. Mr. H. J. Strange was born in England, came to this country many years ago, and for a time was engaged in business in Colorado. He and Mr. Summersby have been established here since 1884. Mr. Strange is president of the Merchants State Bank. J. J. Summersby is also a native of England, and came from Colorado to this place. He is a member of the city council, of the Mason order and the A. O. U. W. A stock of \$20,000 is nicely displayed in the conveniently arranged store room 24x75, and four clerks besides the proprietors are necessary.

E. H. Madison, County Attorney.—One of the most popular members of the Ford County bar is E. H. Madison, who has recently been elected to serve as county attorney a second term. Mr. Madison was born in Illinois, receiving a common school education in the schools of Illinois. He came to Kansas seven years ago, entered the law office of G. W. C. Jones, county attorney of Sedgwick County, and taught school some time. Four years ago he was admitted to the bar, and at once engaged in active practice. As a counselor he is of vast benefit to the office holders in the various parts of the county.

Thos. Lahey, Clerk District Court.—No official in Ford County enjoys the confidence of the people to a greater extent than does Thos. Lahey, clerk of the district court and at the election of 1890 chosen for a second term. Mr. Lahey previous to his first term was deputy for his predecessor, and now employs that predecessor as his own deputy. Mr. Lahey was born in Brooklyn, New York, was raised in Pennsylvania, came to Kansas ten years ago, engaged for a time in farming, then handled real estate. He was at one time in the United States regular army, serving in California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Nevada and New Mexico, after the Indians; and then went into the sheep business, in which, he had the misfortune to lose his entire flock, by a great storm.

W. T. Coolidge.—W. T. Coolidge is carrying on an extensive real estate, loan and insurance business. He owns the most complete set of abstract books in the county. He is agent for the following insurance companies: Springfield, of Massachusetts; Liverpool, London, Globe, Phoenix, Hartford, German-American; Phoenix Assurance, of London; Royal; State, of Des Moines, and North British Mercantile. Mr. Coolidge was born in Illinois, raised in Iowa, received his education at Iowa City University, came to Kansas in 1886 and opened his office. He is a notary public, a member of the I. O. O. F. and a fine example of the push and energy of the typical Kansas man.

J. S. Carson, Merchant Tailor.—A thoroughly representative and skillful workman is J. S. Carson, merchant tailor, of Dodge City. He employs four hands and is always crowded with orders. Mr. Carson was born in Ontario, came to the United States in 1878, and to Kansas in 1889, starting up his present place of business in February 1890. All who try his make of goods are his future customers, as in the selection of material and in skillful workmanship he is unexcelled.

Mrs. M. M. Wolff, Milliner and Dressmaker.—It is pleasing to notice the many business establishments which are in the hands of women. The elegant store of Mrs. M. M. Wolff exhibits all the evidences of thrift and enterprise. She carries a stock of \$3,000 and employs several assistants. A full line of millinery, fancy goods and notions is carried at all times and dressmaking is one of the special features of the establishment. Mrs. Wolff is a native of the Keystone State, came to Ford County twelve years ago and for some time taught school. She has been established in her present work one year and is meeting with entire success.

The Racket Store.—The Racket Store of A. F. Hallett carries a full line of toys, notions, queensware, glassware, and in fact everything that pertains to a department store in the large cities. Mr. Hallett opened up in 1886, employs two assistants, carries a stock of \$1,000. He is a native of Canada came to Kansas in 1883 and clerked in the Dodge House until it burned down. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and an active energetic gentleman.

A. Gluck, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in American Watches.—The leading jewelry establishment of Dodge City, is that of A. Gluck. The windows, show cases and shelves of his store are resplendent with a most attractive display of every description of jewelry, watches, clocks, silverware, optical goods, etc. Mr. Gluck was born in Austria, came to this country and carried on the business at St. Louis, and then came to this place fourteen years since. He carries a stock of \$10,000. He is one of the heaviest real estate owners of the city; was the main instrument in the origin of the electric light plant, and in all things is an enterprising and active citizen. He is a skillful workman and employs a skilled watch maker.

Kirkpatrick & Martin, Real Estate, Loan Brokers and Abstracters.—A firm of rising reputation is that of Kirkpatrick & Martin. They negotiate loans, furnish abstracts of title and attend to the interests of non-residents. J. M. Kirkpatrick is an attorney by profession, and B. F. Martin is an abstracter and bookkeeper. Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Ohio, went to school at Harlem Springs College and also at Richmond College, Ohio, and came to Kansas and Dodge City in 1886. Mr. Martin was born in Indiana and came here in 1887. All work entrusted to the firm will receive most conscientious attention.

D. D. Rose, M.D.—The able physician, genial gentleman, and enterprising citizen, Dr. D. D. Rose, is a native of New York, served in the 11th Michigan Infantry, being at nearly all the battles participated in by the Army of the Cumberland: Stone River, Chicamauga, Chattanooga, and the Atlanta campaign. He graduated in 1880 from the medical department of Louisville University, and in 1885 came to Kansas and Dodge City. The Doctor is a member of the G. A. R., being medical director of the Department of Kansas. He is also county physician.

H. Juneau.—Mr. Juneau is of French descent, was born in Canada, lived for some years in Wisconsin, served his adopted country in the 10th Wisconsin Infantry, was twice wounded, and was once captured and imprisoned in Libby Prison. For several years he conducted a lumber yard at South Pueblo, Colorado, and from thence removed to Dodge City five years since. His yard occupies an entire block is well furnished with lumber, shingles, doors, windows, moulding, cement, paints and builder's hardware; about \$10,000 in value. Mr. J. is a prominent G. A. R. member and also a Mason of high standing.

Dodge City Times.—The oldest paper in southwest Kansas is the Dodge City Times, now in its sixteenth volume. It was established in 1875 by W. C. Shinn, and has never missed an issue. It is now owned by the Times Publishing Company. F. H. Mendenhall is the efficient manager. Two assistants are employed. Mr. Mendenhall is a native of Iowa, received his education at Winterset, came to Kansas in 1884, first trying farming, but soon took up the printing business. He has been manager of this office since July, 1890, and has added largely to the popularity of the paper.

Otto Ziese, Merchant Tailor.—Otto Ziese served an apprenticeship in Germany—his native country—of three long years, and is in all instances fully prepared to meet every demand made upon him in the tailoring line. Mr. Ziese has had a war-like career, serving in the Polish war of 1863, in the 2d Pomeranian Grenadiers; in 1864 in the Danish war in the 11th Schleswig Grenadiers; in the Austrian war of 1866, in the 67th Hamburg Infantry, and in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, in the 11th Grenadiers. He landed in America July 4, 1872, worked at his trade at Lockport,

N. Y., Bradford, Pa., and Decatur, Ill., and came to Kansas in 1885, taking a claim at first, but afterwards moving to Cimarron where he carried on a shop for two years, and then in 1888 moved to this point. Mr. Ziese is a member of the I. O. O. F.

York - Draper Mercantile Company.—A most elegant display of the choicest lines of goods is shown from the windows and shelves of the York-Draper Mercantile Company. This store was started here in 1878 by Messrs. York and Draper of St. Louis. Five years ago it came under the management of Mr. Henry Gros Leider, who has made it a store of the widest popularity. Complete lines of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Carpets and Furnishing Goods are carried, and the prices are so reasonable that competition becomes a travesty. The stock occupies a large room 125x27, fronting two streets, and five assistants are employed. The stock is valued at from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Mr. Leider is from Missouri, but has lived in Kansas since 1869; he served during the war in the Missouri Home Guards, is a leading member of the Odd Fellows.

College of Western Kansas.—The College of Western Kansas stands on a plateau two miles north of the Arkansas river, and from its tower commands a magnificent view; on the south of the Arkansas valley, and to the north the vast territory tributary to the great ditch.

The college was built through the instrumentality of A. T. Soule, of Rochester, N. Y., who in 1889 put \$40,000 into the buildings, and will further endow it with \$10,000 when the Presbyterian church endows it, in an amount sufficient to insure its perpetuity. The building stands on a tract of forty acres, given by Messrs. Soule and Gilbert Bros., close to the "great ditch," and utilizing the splendid water works of the city. It is 100x104 in size, 4 stories high, and in beauty, durability and convenience is a model of architecture. There are 30 rooms in the building, finished in hard pine, coated with oil and varnished. The upper rooms are provided with fire escapes and every modern improvement. The structure is of brick with white stone trimmings; the tower reaches 100 feet from the ground: the dormitory and boarding hall stands near by. It is a substantially constructed building of sufficient dimensions to accommodate 100 pupils. The college will be put in operation this coming school season.

The Delmonico Hotel, Chas. Heinz, Prop.—"Good hotel men are born, not made," and this seems to be the case with the proprietor of the "Delmonico" of Dodge City. Chas. Heinz is a native of the Buckeye state, came to Kansas in 1879, to Dodge City in 1881. For five years he ran an excellent restaurant, and then four years ago put up his present hotel building; it is of brick, 2 stories and basement, contains 50 sleeping rooms, a convenient dining room, waiting room, parlor, restaurant, bath room, electric calls, electric light, water, hot and cold on every story. The beds are cozy, the table service in unexcelled, the eleven assistants are obliging, and every detail seems to be under a master hand who is determined to secure the entire satisfaction of his guests.

Kansas Water Works and Irrigation Company.—The most important private enterprise in Kansas is the work now in progress under the Kansas Water Works and Irrigation Company. With resources almost unlimited, and under a management that knows no such word as "fail," and having in its success or failure the welfare of a large population, this company has for years carried on costly experimental work, and now while success is beginning to crown its unselfish work it seems beyond the capacity of figures to estimate its influence for good upon the land owners of southern Kansas. The company consists of E. E. Soule, of Rochester, N. Y., president; G. G. Gilbert, vice-president and superintendent, and J. W. Gilbert, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Soule is nephew of the famous A. T. Soule of "Hop Bitters" fame; G. G. Gilbert lives at Spearville, but spends most of his time at Dodge City, managing the affairs of the company; J. W. Gilbert resides at Dodge City in a fine residence north-west of the city, near "Soule College."

Gilbert Brothers are natives of Massachusetts, went to Rochester, N. Y., and engaged in the Mercantile business till 1878, when they came to southwestern Kansas and engaged in raising cattle. They conceived the idea of irrigating the vast territory that for many months each year lay parched and worthless, and which only needed water to cause it to blossom as rose. They got Mr. A. T. Soule interested in the project, and, aided by his vast capital and influence began work on the Eureka canal in 1883; this canal is situated north of the river, is 96 miles long, 45 feet wide, and when the "underflow" system is adopted, will thoroughly water 350,000 acres of as fertile land as ever saw the light. After the canal was completed it was found that the water in the Arkansas river was becoming too low to adequately fill the canal. The theory of the "underflow" was broached, and in 1889 an experimental canal on this system was started south of the river; it extends 35 miles, 15 of which are now completed. The system is proving a success and already the farms along the line are taking a value commensurate with their prospects. There is no lack of water even though the bed of the river be as dry as a highway. The northern ditch will be changed to the new system, and a territory large as some of the eastern states will be under profitable cultivation in a short time; \$2,000,000 were expended upon the Eureka ditch. The capital of the company is \$800,000, and will be increased for the purpose of purchasing the electric light plant, the splendid water works of Dodge City, and some ten sections of land in the near vicinity. It owns seventy to eighty fine large work horses which operate the ditch machinery, and during the season employs an army of men in the great work. The future of Dodge City is assuredly bright with the energetic and solid company interested in her welfare. Parties interested in this same company own and operate the Dodge City, Montezuma and Trinidad R. R., which is completed as far as Montezuma, and which is destined to be of vast commercial advantage to southwest Kansas.

This railroad presents a novel feature in the way of Kansas railways, in that it has no debt. When it is completed to Trinidad it will bring Kansas into close connection with the great western coal fields, and open a new market for the products of this state.

A. H. Hudson & Co.—A. H. Hudson & Co. conduct a large real estate, loan and insurance establishment at Dodge City, and also at Montezuma, Kansas. The firm was established in 1889 and bought out the office of W. S. Pagan. The members of the firm being A. H. Hudson and R. R. Hudson, the former being son of the latter. Mr. Hudson, Sr., is a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. He is a member of the Masonic order. He is agent for the New

York Life Insurance Co., and spends nearly all his time traveling in its interests, which stands the peer, in character and reputation, of any similar organization of modern times. The firm is agent for many of the best fire companies in existence, among which are the following: North America, Niagara, Queen, Sun Fire, Connecticut, Continental, Burlington, Merchant and Western.

GARDEN CITY.

GARDEN CITY was laid out in 1880, and was made a city of the third class, with Hon. C. J. Jones as the first mayor, in 1883. In the same year it became the seat of the Garden City land district, comprising fourteen counties, which at once brought the city into prominence. Finney county was organized in 1884, and Garden City was made the county seat without contest. Land seekers began to arrive here in the winter of 1884-5 in considerable numbers, and in the spring of 1885 the city took on new life and flourished as a green bay tree. Rents were high and both business and dwelling houses were difficult to obtain at any price. This gave a stimulus to building enterprises, which were pushed forward with energy until the spring of 1887, which period marked the flood tide of immigration that had been sweeping the people like a tidal wave into Southwestern Kansas, and into Garden City. The western fever amounted to a craze. Prices of town lots had advanced beyond all reason, and yet buyers were abundant even at these figures.

In March, 1887, the city was organized as a city of the second class, with D. A. Mims as the first mayor. During the spring of '87 the city reached its maximum population of 2,959; since that time it gradually decreased until the summer of 1890 the census showed only 1,520; during the last six months there has been a gradual increase, and the number on April 1st, 1891, exclusive of a number of families who practically reside here, but who are holding down claims in the neighboring county, is not far from 1,700.

Garden City is located on the main line of the A., T. & S. F. railroad, 66 miles east of the east line of the State of Colorado, and is pleasantly situated in the valley of the great Arkansas river. It is substantially built and handsomely ornamented. It has two hotels, one of stone, the other of brick, that would be a

credit to any city in the state, an opera house that any city of five times the population would be proud to own, and two brick school houses that would be an honor to any people. It owns and operates a system of waterworks that cost \$60,000.00 Handsome stone and brick buildings ornament the business streets, and are filled with stocks of goods that will compare favorably with cities of many times its population. That wideawake character of her merchants has given the city such prominence that she is regarded as the metropolis of the southwest, and trade, both wholesale and retail is attracted here for many miles from all directions, and an excellent trade is at all times enjoyed. Three good, substantial banks, in which all have absolute confidence, furnish needed financial assistance. A four-story brick flouring mill, with the latest improved machinery, was completed here last summer and began operations August 23d, since which time it has been in constant operation up to the present, its wheat supply being drawn from the surrounding territory. The output of this mill took a high grade from the start and ready sale for it has been found both east and west. Eight church organizations and six church buildings are found here, and almost all the benevolent organizations known to the country have a place among us. The Knights of Reciprocity, the new political secret organization which is rapidly spreading itself over the country had its origin here a few months ago. Four weekly newspapers are published here, the *Imprint*, *Sentinel*, *Herald* and *Taxpayer*, the first three named being Republican, the last Farmers' Alliance. In the boom days the *Sentinel* and *Herald* ran daily editions. Buffalo Jones' celebrated buffalo herd is kept near here. The United States experimental grass station is two miles north of the city.

Garden City is located in about the center of the irrigable district of southwestern Kan-

sas, and the irrigated lands are nearly all tributary to it. It is recognized as an irrigation center. In its immediate vicinity irrigation has passed the experimental stage and a number of systems of canals have for years been in successful operation there. The new interest aroused of late years in irrigation brings this region into greater prominence, and the results of present investigations will redound to its advantage.

The streets of the city and the yards of private dwellings are ornamented with thousands of beautiful shade and forest trees, while attractive blue grass lawns and well kept flower gardens attract the eye on every hand. All these considerations, with an intelligent, moral and progressive people, go far to make this one of the most desirable cities in the state for a pleasant residence.

The city is surrounded by a class of thrifty and progressive farmers, who are gradually developing the finest agricultural region in the state, which will soon make Garden City one of the best commercial towns in Kansas. Finney county is fortunate in having but one town, and that Garden City.

IRRIGATION IN FINNEY COUNTY.

BY J. W. GREGORY.

Irrigation in Finney County is twelve years old, counting from its incipency. The first irrigating canal built was the one known as the "Garden City." It has been enlarged considerably since first built, but is the smallest irrigating canal in the county. It begins at the Arkansas river, some five miles west of Garden City, and extends eastward a single main length of about ten miles, irrigating Garden City and covering 12,000 acres of land in the vicinity.

The next in age, and also in size, is the "Kansas." This starts from the river nearly opposite Deerfield, at the west line of the county, about fourteen miles west of Garden City, and covers about 40,000 acres of excellent, rich land, which lies in a band along side of and interlocking with that irrigated from the first named ditch. It has a single main length of about twenty-five miles; or, counting the co-ordinate branches, about thirty-five miles.

Next north and northwestward lie the lands covered by the "Great Eastern." This canal comes next in age and size to the "Kansas." It has a single main length of nearly forty miles. Counting co-ordinate branches, the total main length is about sixty miles. As this ditch begins near Hartland, toward the western part of Kearney County, which lies next west of Finney, about eighteen miles of its length is outside the latter county; but most of the lands—about 75,000 acres—which it covers, lie within our county.

These three canals have practically been consolidated into one system within the past

year, having passed into the hands of a few men of means and enterprise. Each has an independent headgate and dam, so as to obtain water from the river, and a fountain, tapping the underflow, is in process of construction at the head of the "Great Eastern," from which water can be turned into all parts of the system. Another fountain is to be constructed at the head of the "Kansas" This will afford still another safeguard and source of supply. Facilities for obtaining storage and water power are abundant in this grand system of canals; hence it combines all the resources of water supply with variety and a high degree of value in the use of the same, insuring to lands under the system a varied and most valuable development.

Outside of these lands lies the "Amazon," an immense canal, just approaching completion. It is owned by an English company, has a single main length of 100 miles, with large laterals aggregating an equal length, and heads a few miles westward of the "Great Eastern." The lands covered by this canal lie partly in Kearney County and Scott County, the latter being north of Finney. The irrigable lands to which it has access may be roughly estimated at 250,000 acres, of which about 70,000 acres lie in Finney County.

All the foregoing canals are north of the Arkansas. The "Great Western" canal, which heads on the south side of the river, nearly opposite the "Great Eastern," and waters a fine valley in Kearney County, covers about 4,000 acres in Finney, extending from the west line of the county to a point opposite Sherlock, where a line of sand hills approach the river so as to cut off further extension eastward.

It will thus be seen that Finney County contains about 200,000 acres of land already accessible to irrigation. Of this area a comparatively small portion is as yet brought under actual irrigation, but the acreage is extending rapidly each year, as the inhabitants learn not only the necessity of irrigation, but how to use it to the best advantage, and as settlers on "dry" lands move in to take advantage of our irrigation resources.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF GARDEN CITY.

R. J. Mefford, Seedman.—During the five years that have elapsed since its establishment, the Garden City Seed House has gained a state wide reputation. The house handles seeds, garden and field, grain and alfalfa hay: in the handling of alfalfa seed this house stands at the front in regard to extent of business. The firm was first Mefford & Platt, and so continued up to September, 1890, when Mr. Platt retired. Mr. Mefford is a native of Ohio, received his education at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, came to Kansas in 1880, to Garden City in 1885. He now occupies a fine store room 25x100 in a brick block, employs several assistants, and keeps running throughout the entire year. Some \$4,000 are invested.

Finney County National Bank.—The Finney County National Bank stands with few peers for perfect security to depositors, for management, systematic methods and also in popular esteem. The capital is \$75,000 and the surplus large. The bank was established in 1885 as a State bank; became a national bank in 1888. It has time-lock, burglar-proof safe, fire-proof vault, and its cashier and assistant are attentive, accurate gentlemen. S. T. Howe, of Topeka, is the president. He was State treasurer four years. Geo. W. Finnup is vice-president. He is in the mercantile business here. W. S. Smith is cashier. He is a native of Pennsylvania, served during the war in the Christian Commission, came to Kansas in 1884. He is partner in the firm of Smith & Aldrach, in the Garden City Abstract Co., bonded abstractors. W. E. Jones, the assistant cashier is a native of Iowa, received his education at Winterset high school, came to Kansas in 1886. He is agent for the Kern-Rosenthal Investment Co., Springfield, Mass.

G. A. Briggs & Brother, Main Street, Grocers and Bakers.—One of the busiest stores in Garden City is the establishment of G. A. Briggs & Brother. They succeed the firm of Briggs & Netherton, bought out January 1, 1890. They carry \$2,400 stock, arranged in an attractive manner, in a convenient room 24x100. G. A. Briggs and E. C. Briggs are natives of Ohio, came to Kansas and Garden City in 1885 and opened up their store. In bakers goods the house stands at the head of firms in Western Kansas, and in all kinds of groceries it has secured and holds a very flattering trade.

Cyrus Cole, Boots and Shoes.—The boot and shoe man of Garden City is Cyrus Cole. Here are kept in large assortment the heavy foot wear for the big burly ranchman, and also a beautiful stock of the finest, daintiest articles for the foot of lovely women. The \$3,000 stock of goods is most tastefully arranged. The room is 25x80 feet. Mr. Cole is a native of Indiana, lived in Iowa, Missouri and for a few years was ranching in Colorado. He came to Garden City in 1883 and has gained a large and flattering amount of trade. He is an Odd Fellow and an excellent citizen of energy and public spirit.

W. H. Scott.—W. H. Scott has the only first class lunch room in Western Kansas; he carries a full line of tobacco, cigars, pipes, stationery, toys, fruits, cutlery, sporting goods and confectionery; and he is a successful breeder of black Sumatra, pit games and black Langshan chickens; having a chicken farm one mile from the city. Mr. Scott is a native of Pennsylvania, has lived in half of the states of the Union, came to Garden City three and one half years ago and opened up his business. He now occupies a room 24x30, filled with a \$1,500 stock, and has two warerooms back. He employs two assistants in his varied business and is an active, pushing gentleman of much energy. His lunch counter is a well patronized and successful institution, and his store is at all times a lively scene.

W. H. Fant, Dealer in Farm Implements, Alfalfa Seed and Hay.—W. H. Fant is a typical westerner. He is agent for the Walter A. Wood machinery in Finney County and vicinity; deals in implements, hay and alfalfa seed; he also handles real estate and owns a farm under irrigation, which during the past season paid its purchase price. A more enthusiastic man does not exist in Kansas than Mr. Fant. He was born in Kentucky, came to Kansas in 1886, and began in the real estate business here. In the spring of 1890 he opened his present line, and his trade has been great and promising for the future. Mr. Fant is a good neighbor and a first rate and careful business man.

Windsor Hotel.—We doubt if the whole state of Kansas contains a larger, finer or more thoroughly metropolitan hotel, than the Windsor of Garden City. The building is of brick, four stories high, 116x125, fitted with steam, lighted by gas, has elevator, elegant sample rooms, and every modern convenience. The 136 rooms are high, light, cosy and neat; the meals are especially elaborate, and the whole conduct of the establishment is most liberal minded. The firm of Stevens & Wirt are running the establishment. J. A. Stevens is an old settler of Finney County, homesteading where Garden City stands, in 1878; he is a native of Iowa, followed farming many years, and is now owner of a large ranch and a big herd of cattle. Mr. E. L. Wirt, the hotel manager, is a native of Missouri, came to Kansas in 1871; he is a Mason, K. of P., and an extremely capable superintendent of this immense establishment.

Sam Huber, Opera House Drug Store.—A distinctively prescription drug store is fully met in the establishment of Sam Huber. Mr. Huber is a native of Ohio; during the war he served in the 87th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, came to Kansas and Garden City in 1885. His store is 25x140 feet, and his \$3,000 stock is arranged with taste and neatness. He uses the greatest care to put out no article that is not the best of its kind. His store is heated by steam, lighted by gas, and in every appointment is fully first-class.

Kansas Lumber Company.—The most extensive lumber firm doing business in Western Kansas is the Kansas Lumber Company, with extensive yard room, three story iron roofed sheds, and spacious office and sash and door room, it is amply fitted to care for and handle its immense stock of lumber and building material. The yard is owned by W. C. Edwards, president, (after whom Edwards County was named), of St. Paul, Minnesota, and John McCulloch, secretary, of the same place. At St. Paul is the headquarters of the wholesale lumber concern, which operates yards in Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Montana and Kansas. The stock carried at Garden City is valued at \$15,000, and during the five years since its establishment it has handled a vast amount of material. Mr. L. P. Coonrod, the capable manager is a native of Illinois, has been in the lumber business all his life, and understands every detail of the large and creditable establishment.

Garden City Meat Market.—The Garden City Meat Market is one of the neatest, most extensive, of the kind in the west. The carcasses hanging from the numerous hooks exhibit everything in the way of tastiness and good skilled workmanship to tempt the purchaser. The proprietors are A. N. Brooks and George Brooks, who are by the way no relation to each other. The former was brought up to the butcher business, his father being in the trade before him; he attends to the shop and the other Mr. Brooks does the outside work. The firm was established in 1883. A. N. Brooks is a native of Illinois, and has been in the business here since 1883; he is a K. of P. George Brooks is a native of Illinois also, came to Garden City in 1885; he is an Odd Fellow.

F. M. Cochran, Jeweler.—An elegant line of jewelry, diamonds, silverware, etc., is exhibited at F. M. Cochran's. Mr. Cochran has followed the trade of watchmaking many years. He carries a stock of \$2,000. Mr. Cochran was born in Indiana, came to Kansas four years ago, and in 1889 bought out the stock of C. E. Cochran who had been in business here for four years previously. He is a member of the K. of P., an excellent judge of the value of articles in his line.

R. E. Gray, Palace Drug Store.—A most elaborate display of handsomely arranged articles is made at the Palace Drug Store. A complete line of drugs, toilet articles, fancy articles, artist's materials, fine stationery, lamps, paints, oils, glass, etc. are carried at all times. Mr. Gray is a native of Indiana, came to Garden City in 1885, and with a capital of \$450 opened up in his present line. The volume of business transacted reaches \$17,000 annually, and the stock is now \$8,000. Mr. Gray is a thorough business man, a skilled pharmacist and an enterprising citizen.

The First National Bank.—The president of this bank is C. B. Wilkison, of Philadelphia; vice-president, B. P. Shawham of New York City; cashier, D. R. Menke, and assistant cashier, S. B. Barnes. Mr. Menke was born in Pennsylvania, came to Kansas in 1878. He served four years as treasurer of Finney County, which is as long as is permitted by law. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of P. Mr. Barnes is a native of Iowa, came to Kansas in 1885, was for several years in the hardware business. He is a Mason. The bank was established in 1885. The capital is \$50,000 and the surplus and undivided profits are \$15,000.

Garden City Post Office, D. W. Pitts, P. M. —No city of Western Kansas has a more handsome postoffice than Garden City. The outfit was built expressly for this office by the celebrated Yale Lock Co., and is an admirably arranged structure. This is the distributing point for ten different offices. It is also one of the International money order offices. D. W. Pitts, who took charge in May 1890, is a native of New York, came to Garden City in 1885, and for several years conducted a clothing and gent's furnishing establishment in which he is

still interested, and which is managed by his brother, B. Pitts; full lines of articles in the line being handled, and a most enterprising establishment being run. He is a K. of P.

The Southwest Land and Irrigating Co.—Two years ago the Amazon canal (as well as all the canals in Southwest Kansas except the Eureka, at Dodge City,) was projected and constructed by C. J. Jones, known as "Buffalo" Jones, and U. D. Pickering, and after being completed some 102 miles in length was sold out to a company mainly composed of English capitalists, and who organized under the designation as above. During the past season active work has been in progress upon the canal and fifty-six miles of it have been finished ready to receive the water. A branch of twenty-six miles is also constructed, and the area of land tributary to this great ditch goes up into the hundreds of thousands of acres, every foot of which under the magic of this vast enterprise is made productive to an incalculable extent, and land now barren and desolate, yet gifted with every favorable feature of fertility and climate, except water, will become in the near future the veritable garden spot of the earth. Already some \$200,000 have been expended. The canal begins in the Arkansas River at a point near Hartland, thirty miles west of Garden City, thence northeasterly far into Scott County, which lies north of Finney County, then turns southeasterly and strikes the river again at Pierceville, a station on the Santa Fe Railroad, thirteen miles east of Garden City. During the season a hundred teams and a large number of men are employed. The enterprise is now an assured success over which the people of an immense territory may well rejoice. C. J. Jones who has been the life of this project, is a native of Illinois, has lived in Kansas twenty-four years following stock raising and land speculating. He derives his nick-name "Buffalo" from the herd of buffalo that he caught with his own strategy and skill and which are his constant delight. Recently the herd passed into the hands of the Buffalo and Land Company, of which Mr. Jones is manager, and breeding on a large scale is being continued. Some forty head of full-blood buffaloes are in the herd at Garden City, and an equal number are on a ranch near Salt Lake City, Utah. The aim of the company is to produce a half-breed that shall partake of the hardiness of the buffalo and at the same time the tameness of domestic cattle, while it is far superior in size to either its progenitors. Mr. Jones has served two terms as representative. Mr. U. D. Pickering, who is associated with Mr. Jones, is a native of Indiana, came to Kansas in 1886, owns seven or eight sections of land in the vicinity, and is a thoroughly practical and energetic business man.

Garden City Public Schools.—It is especially pleasing to note the progress of education in Kansas at Garden City. Two school houses with high ceilings, steam heating apparatus, and fully provided with all the paraphernalia for systematic work in the various departments; and the fourteen rooms presided over

by thirteen capable teachers, provides the machinery by which the "young idea" is taught "to shoot." There are 510 pupils enrolled. The graduating diploma entitles the holder to teach in the city schools. The superintendent is Mr. T. C. Coffman, a native Kansan who graduated at the State Normal School in 1887, and who, as a successful teacher both before and since his graduation, has secured a flattering reputation.

James G. Unger, The South-Side Grocer.—For two years James G. Unger has conducted the South-Side Grocery with increasing success. He deals in groceries, provisions, flour, ground feed, fruits and produce. Mr. Unger was born in Pennsylvania, lived in Iowa, served in the war of the Rebellion with the 1st Iowa Cavalry, came to Kansas in 1879 and to Garden City in 1885. Previous to entering this business he followed the trade of railroad bridge building. He occupies a room 20x60; he belongs to the G. A. R. the A. O. U. W. and is a valuable citizen.

Lawrence & Diesem, Agents for and Dealers in Hard, Soft, Lump, Prepared and Egg Coal.—The firm of Lawrence & Diesem is wide awake and commends itself to the people; they handle all kinds of bituminous and anthracite coal. The firm has been running one year and employs four hands. The members of the firm are R. M. Lawrence, a native of Ohio, who came to Kansas in 1885 and entered business here; he served three years as county commissioner, is a Mason. Mr. J. L. Diesem, lives on a farm under irrigation; he was born in Ohio, came to Kansas in 1885, is a Mason.

A. L. Liston, Harness and Saddlery.—Mr. A. L. Liston who manufactures and repairs harness and saddlery, and also deals in all kinds of horse furnishing goods, blankets, robes, brushes, etc., has been all his life at the business and is a most excellent workman. He is a native of Illinois, came to Kansas three years ago, and for the past two years has run his shop here. He has a stock of \$3,000; employs one to two hands, and his hand-made harness are the neatest and most durable articles of its kind in use.

G. W. Dickinson, Oldest Established Jewelry Store in Western Kansas.—Mr. Dickinson carries an elegant display of fine jewelry, watches and silverware. Mr. D. was born in Michigan, lived in New York, came to Kansas fourteen years ago, opened first at Larned, and came here in 1885. His stock is worth \$6,000. Mr. Dickinson is a skillful workman; he travels also in Colorado and Wyoming with a very valuable stock. He is a K. of P., Mason and Odd Fellow. A son of the proprietor, also a skilled workman, C. E. Dickinson, assists. Orders by mail are promptly filled and all work is fully guaranteed.

Carter Bros., Gause & Co., Hardware, Groceries, Provisions, Etc.—The store of this company is 50x80 feet, and is filled with a \$20,000 stock, requiring efficient salesmen to attend to the wants of the numerous custom-

ers. W. O. and I. J. Carter, brothers, are Kansans born, the former was educated at Oskaloosa, Iowa, the latter in Pennsylvania. E. N. Gause, brother-in-law of the Carters, is an Indian by birth and educated in Pennsylvania. For some time he was clerk in the Indian Department. J. V. Carter, the "Co.," is father of the Carter boys. He is a native of North Carolina, came to Kansas in 1858. He owns the large building, the first floor of which is occupied by the firm, and runs the "Grand Central Hotel" in the two stories above. The firm are manufacturing an irrigation pump known as the "Gause pump," well suited to a gravelly subsoil. By the use of this pump every man may be his own irrigation company.

The Bank of Western Kansas.—This bank occupies a fine building of its own, of stone, 50x80, two stories, and fitted with store rooms below and offices above. It has fire proof safety vaults, time lock burglar proof safe. The capital is \$50,000; undivided profits, \$2,000. It was established in 1885. Its new quarters were built in 1887. The president is Frederick Cole, a physician, the U. S. examining surgeon; a native of Maine; lived in Illinois; served during the war with the 151st Illinois Infantry as assistant surgeon; was educated to his profession at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City. J. M. Dunn is vice president. E. M. Hatcher is the efficient cashier. He is a native of Kentucky; came to Kansas in 1884; was in Wellington, and from there came to Garden City.

H. M. Knox, Wholesale Grocer.—Mr. Knox was born in Massachusetts, came to Kansas and Garden City five years ago, and started in his present business which has grown to a most extensive affair, filling three storerooms, each 20x90, and requiring six assistants. Mr. Knox carries a stock of \$6,000, and is receiving continuous additions in the various lines so that the assortments are kept complete. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodman orders.

Judge J. W. Gregory, of Garden City, still some years under forty, a pioneer farmer himself and acquainted with all the hardships of frontier life, has made great personal sacrifices both of time and means in his endeavors to put Western Kansas on a successful footing. It was the obvious necessity of procuring some means of irrigation that led to his publishing the full details of his "underflow" discoveries, reserving nothing that he might have patented for his own benefit. Already his efforts have led to considerable appropriations by congress in the interest of irrigation. But while the importance and value of his discoveries and unselfish labors are much appreciated, yet not until the history of the redeeming of the great dry plains shall be written, a hundred years from now, will the real magnitude and value of the same appear. In person he is of medium height, is somewhat reserved in manner, but is activity and persistence personified. He is slow of speech, but a forcible and methodical writer.

Barnes & Bartlett—Barnes & Bartlett, dealers in all kinds of hardware, stoves, tinware, the all-steel aermotor windmill, pumps, etc. This firm began business in May, 1889, succeeding the firm of Barnes & Curtis, who had established the business one year before. Mr. S. B. Barnes is a native of Iowa, came to Kansas in 1885, was in the lumber business; is now assistant cashier in the First National Bank, mayor of the city, a member of the Masonic order. W. E. Bartlett was born in Pennsylvania, lived in New York, went to Iowa, and came to Kansas in 1889, following railroading. He served in the war with the 151st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is a Mason and a reliable enterprising citizen. The firm occupies a room 22x80, and a warehouse and tin and plumbing shop is in the rear. Two assistants are employed. The firm manufactures a double cylinder irrigating pump that is on practical trial, proving a great success; one man who has purchased one of the small sizes states that it is capable of irrigating twenty acres.

J. D. Lathrop, General Merchandise.—Enjoys an extensive trade and carries a well arranged stock of 7,000; he employs one clerk and his daughter. Dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, notions, etc., are kept. Mr. Lathrop was born in New York, lived in Michigan, came to Garden City in 1886. His store is 25 x100 in size; his stock is nicely arranged and betokens a taste and enterprise very creditable.

F. Finnup, Lumber, Hardware and Farm Machinery.—The oldest firm in Garden City, and one of the best known and most solid in Southwest Kansas, is that of Fred Finnup, who handles in his large, two story brick building (containing fire proof vault) 34x110, a large line of hardware and farm machinery, and runs in connection a full stock of lumber, which is all kept dry under a mammoth shed. The above requires the assistance of four men, and is ably managed by his son, George W. Finnup, a business young man 24 years old. Geo. W. Finnup & Co., do the furniture and undertaking business of Garden City and Finney County and handle a full and complete line of the above goods. They own the finest hearse in this section of the State. Mr. A. R. Clark looks after this business, and with his gentlemanly treatment gives universal satisfaction to all. The grocery department is ably managed by Mr. D. J. Foulk, who is a thorough business man and well liked by everyone. It is conceded that Mr. Finnup owns more clear, unincumbered, improved real estate than any man in southwest Kansas. With all this they have been to Finney County not unlike a parent to his child. They are widely known,

very popular and have the confidence of the people.

Grand Central Hotel.—There is certainly not in Western Kansas a more home-like hotel than the Grand Central. This occupies the second and third stories of a stone building, 50x80 feet. The building contains forty rooms, and the entire machinery of the house is of a character to please the taste of all those who want a first-class place to stop. The landlord, J. V. Carter, is a native of North Carolina, came to Kansas in 1860, taught school, held the office of Indian agent of the Sac and Fox tribe in 1882-84, and came to this place in 1884, engaging in mercantile business. His trade became so extensive that he erected at a cost of \$18,000, his present fine stone building in 1885, the lower story being occupied by the store in which he is still interested. Mr. Carter manages several large farms which Mrs. Carter owns, one of 320 acres being under irrigation.

The Garden City Imprint was established in 1889 by the real estate firm of Mims & Keep. This is the official paper of the county. D. A. Mims is the editor. He is a native of Kentucky, served during the war—going out with the 14th Kentucky Volunteers and coming back at the close colonel of the 39th Kentucky. He is a member of the Masonic and G. A. R. societies. E. N. Keep, the business manager, is a native of Illinois and came to Kansas in 1883. He owns a fine farm under irrigation and is a prudent and enterprising man.

Garden City Roller Mills—The Garden City Roller Mills were established here in 1890. The owner and manager is R. T. F. Dodds, a born miller, native of Pennsylvania, lived in Michigan, ran two mills in that state, and is still interested in a mill there. He came to Kansas in March, 1890, erected his fine brick building, 36x82, 54 feet high, and on the 1st of July began to manufacture flour. The motor is a ninety horse power engine, twelve sets of rollers are run, and four grades of flour are manufactured, the most famous of which is "Ermine." The establishment is brand new, it is under the personal management of the owner, who hires four assistants. \$20 000 are invested in this concern.

George Mack, Groceries and Queensware.—George Mack carries a fine, fresh and new stock, of choice groceries and provisions; he has a stock of \$2,500, in a room 25x80, runs a delivery, and carries on a lively trade. Mr. Mack was born in Iowa, lived ten years in Colorado, came to Kansas in 1884. Previous to starting in the mercantile business, he followed farming, and still owns a very fine farm under irrigation.

SOLOMON CITY.

SOLOMON CITY is situated near the western boundary line of Dickinson County, at the mouth of the Solomon River where it joins the Smoky Hill River, and nine miles directly west of Abilene, the county seat. It has first class railway communication by means of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Union Pacific railway systems. It lies in the midst of a rolling prairie; a fine agricultural country with patches of timber along the river banks. In 1865 a town company was organized and in the following year the present site, containing 234 acres, was surveyed and platted. In 1871 the town was incorporated as a city of the third class, and in the following year a grist mill was erected utilizing a portion of the splendid water power of the Solomon river. In 1876 a bank was started, and another in 1881, and in 1879 the *Sentinel* first appeared. The city now contains a population of 1,000, good residences, thirty or thirty-five business houses, a brick school house, four churches, Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist and Methodist, stucco mill, three elevators, and extensive salt works. The city has also a fire department, with a steam fire engine and a hook and ladder company.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF SOLOMON CITY.

Alexander Lewis, M. D.—Dr. Alexander Lewis graduated from the Ohio Medical College in 1845 and practiced in Zanesville, Ohio, until 1877, when he removed to Abilene, Kansas. He was born and reared in Zanesville, Ohio. The Doctor is a graduate of Granville University, Granville, Ohio, and of the Zanesville Academy. His experience, covering nearly half a century, would fill a book. He is gradually quitting practice on account of an accident that happened him a little over one year ago, in which he miraculously escaped death. The doctor was twice presidential elector from the thirteenth congressional district of Ohio—afterward the sixteenth district, was a soldier in the "late unpleasantness," going in as Captain of Co. Q, First regiment of Ohio heavy artillery, and was breveted Lieutenant Colonel of the First Ohio heavy artillery after the battle of Celina on the Cumberland River in 1864, by General Thomas, on account of gallantry, he having command and having gained a signal victory. He was severely wounded in this engagement, but as soon as convalescent returned to his regiment. The Doctor has large landed interests and has amassed a competency, enabling him to take needed rest in his declining years.

C. B. Core, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.—Is one of the talented physicians in this section of the State. He is a native of West Virginia; graduated from the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1882, and from the Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1885. First located in Ulysses, Kansas, where he



practiced until September, 1889, when he removed to Solomon City. His patrons are among the best class of citizens. The doctor has been especially successful in surgery and diseases of women, having taken a special course on diseases of women in Rush Medical College, and handled the most difficult cases with uniform success, patients consulting him from long distances. The office is well located and finely fitted up for his purposes. Dr. Core is physician for the Union Pacific railroad. He is a member of the Masons, A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F.

George Pinkham.—A noteworthy establishment is that of George Pinkham who commenced business here June 23, 1890. The store is a brick room 25x100 feet. In which he has a stock of groceries, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, etc., valued at \$10,000. He requires the services of four busy assistants. Mr. Pinkham was formerly engaged in the real estate business at Wakarusa, Trego County. Mr. Pinkham was county clerk three terms in Trego County; the first term receiving the appointment from the Governor and was afterwards elected two terms. He was also register of deeds of the same county, holding both offices at the same time.

Pacific House, Opposite U. P. Depot Platform; N. J. Anstine, Proprietor.—The Pacific is one of the best \$1.00 a day houses in the State. The house is a handsome two-story frame. Mr. Anstine opened up the business one year ago, and since that time he has had a constantly increasing trade. He is an old hotel man, having been engaged in the business in the western part of the State. Mr. Anstine is

a member of the G. A. R., was mustered out as 2nd Lieutenant of Company "A," 14th Illinois Cavalry. Mr. Anstine also buys stock of all description at any place in the State, and parties having stock for sale or wishing to buy, would do well to consult him, as he has arrange-

ment for paying the highest market prices. He is also a large dealer in real estate, having a large amount of land of his own, and also agent for large bodies of land belonging to parties and town property of the choicest character.

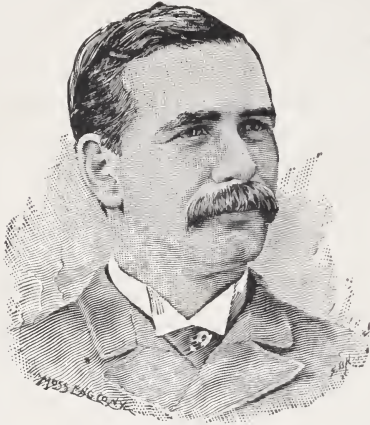
JUNCTION CITY.

Louis C. Rohlfing, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Rohlfing was born in Franklin County, Missouri, in 1866; early in life he decided to engage in the practice of medicine, he graduated from the manual training school of Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, 1885, and is also a graduate of the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, from which he graduated with high honors, in 1887. He commenced active practice at Solomon City, Kansas, and after two years practice there, he located in this city, and although but a year has elapsed since he settled here, he already enjoys a good general practice, he is identified with the Central Kansas Medical Association, as an active, live member. He is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of A., and medical examiner of the A. O. U. W., and one of the medical examining board of the K. of A. Being yet young in years and his profession,

he has every reason to feel proud of his record, and has a wide field for future achievement before him.

Henry Thiele, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, Woodenware.—This business was established in January 1889, by York & Thiele, corner of Washington and Seventh Street. The present proprietor bought out the business in October 1889, and now occupies a room in the Bartel block, 22x100 feet. He handles all the staple and fancy groceries, queensware, woodenware, boots and shoes, and employs three men to assist him. Mr. Thiele was born in Junction City in 1859, making him one of the oldest settlers of the city. He has seen the town grow up from the small hamlet to the prosperous city of to-day. Mr. Thiele is a member of the A. O. U. W.

The Paola "Times," John W. Bell, Publisher.—Independent-Republican in politics, independent in principle, conservative in all



things, neutral in nothing, the *Times* is a fearless advocate for the advancement of its locality, the people, its city, county and State. It has a circulation of 1,800. The office is equipped with material and presses of modern style; a large Campbell power press and one job press are in daily use; they are run by water power. The establishment has its own electric light plant running ten incandescent lamps. It is the only one in town and the first in the county. The *Times* is a six-column quarto, and is one of the most enterprising sheets in Kansas. John W. Bell, its owner, is a native of Pennsylvania, and began life on a farm at six dollars a month, worked on a farm while obtaining an education, attended normal school and academy; began teaching at seventeen, rising from the common school to the principalship of several

graded schools; taught three terms in the Shield's Business Normal School and Academy and was finally elected superintendent of the DuBois city schools, nineteen in number. Began the study of law with Hon. R. C. Winslow, Punxsutawney, Pa., and closed in the office of Judge W. P. Jenks, of Brookville, Pa. Admitted to the bar of Jefferson County, Pa., in June, 1887, and of Miami County, Kansas, in August, 1889. He is also solicitor of pensions for Kansas in connection with James Tanner of Washington, D. C., member of N. S. Law Association for Miami County, and notary public. Mr. Bell has one of the largest and best selected law libraries, and while devoting his time to editing the *Times* and superintending his large grain and stock farm, he has made the law his principal aim. Mr. B. has made his paper the farmers' paper of his county and while he could not follow with the Peoples' Party, the *Times* was made the official organ of the F. M. B. A's in Miami. In April, 1890, however, he brought his paper out strongly in favor of an independent national State and county party and took the side of the people against the monopolists and land robbers, visiting Cincinnati and laboring for the formation of a national independent party in the campaign of 1892. He took charge of the *Times* in July, 1889, and if push and enterprise, combined with tact and ability, count for anything, its future career will continue to be a brilliant and successful one. There are three hands constantly employed in the office who, besides the regular work, turn out job work of a high order of excellence. Mr. Bell has also a nice farm near town, where he has some splendid pedigree and fine graded stock and raises plenty of wheat and corn. He has a telephone from his office to his house and farm.

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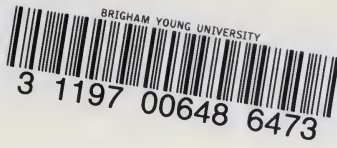
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